



## Maple Meadow Landfill

Stable as is, no plans to add more fill

By JAYNE W. MILLER  
 WILMINGTON - A representative from GeoInsight appeared before Selectmen Monday to discuss the current status of the Maple Meadow Landfill and a recent determination from Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Michael Penney, a Senior Engineer/Senior Associate with GeoInsight, the town's consultant for the Maple Meadow Landfill, said the landfill has hit a milestone with a supplemental risk assessment deeming the site not a significant risk based on its current use. A previous

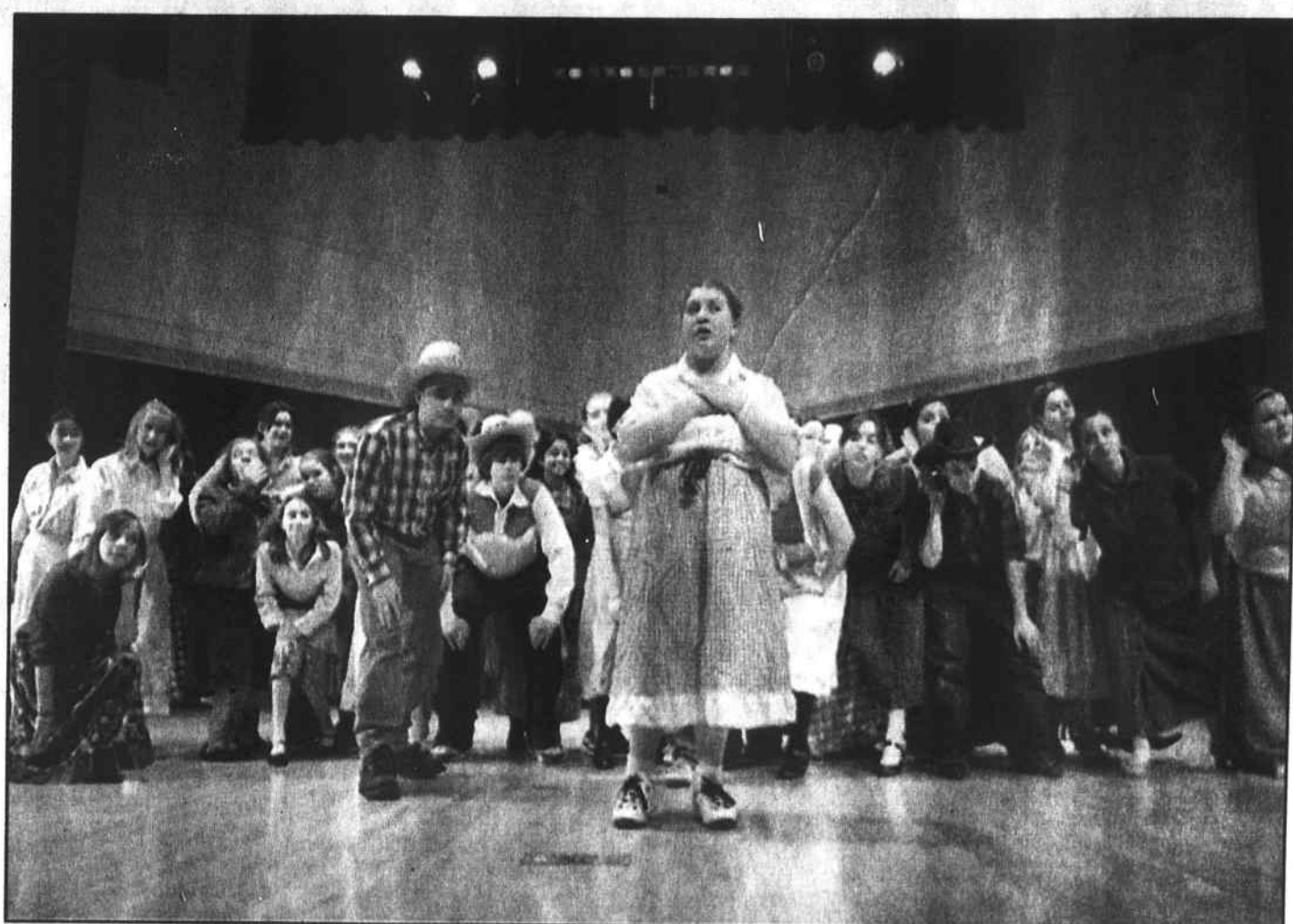
risk assessment in 2006 was inconclusive.

"This is good news for the town," said Penney.

In a letter dated March 2, Philip Weinberg, the Associate Commissioner of Operations and Environmental Compliance, wrote to parties associated with the landfill "the Site, in its current condition and access controls, poses no significant risk to public health, welfare, safety, or to the environment."

The determination leaves room such that if the physical conditions at the site change or if new information is

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Rachel Sainato and the cast of Wilmington Middle School's Oklahoma! Wilmington Middle School proudly presents Rogers & Hammerstein's Oklahoma! on March 25 and 26 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$5. For more information, call 978-694-6081. (photo by Connor Gleason)

## Town performing well on housing values

Numbers lead northern Middlesex

By JAYNE W. MILLER  
 WILMINGTON - Good news for Wilmington homeowners as values start rising again after a four-year drop. Richard P. Howe Jr., Esq., Register of Deeds for Northern Middlesex County, appeared before Selectmen

Monday night to give the board an update on real estate trends in Wilmington.

Howe brought along an analysis, available on the registry website LowellDeeds.com, showing how prices, foreclosures, and

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## Hold on, Sonic is on the way

Scouts bringing around Elm Trees, High School Enrollment, and bridge closure

By JAYNE W. MILLER

WILMINGTON - One might be excused for thinking Sonic is the most exciting thing going on in Wilmington. Selectmen approved a victualer's license Monday for the new carhop burger joint slated to open April 9 or 10. Expecting curiosity along with hungry locals, the owners are working with police to bring in as many as three

detail officers to ensure that traffic on Main Street does not get out of hand for the first three months of operation. The venture will offer 130 to 135 jobs in addition to management and cleaning staff.

Town Manager Michael Cairra told Selectmen that owner, Gregg Monastiero of Monastiero Restaurant Group, has been very cooper-

ative with the town.

This is the second Sonic in Massachusetts. The first one opened by Monastiero in August on Route 1 in Peabody to eager customers that drove more than 100 miles to sample the menu and caused absurd traffic delays due

mainly to curiosity. Monastiero said that after the novelty wore off traffic settled down and the restaurant is still serving at levels close to the peak of opening.

Nichols Street Bridge closed  
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## Hold'Em for a great cause

Celebrity poker tournament raises \$75,000

By JAMIE POTE

There was a line out the door of people who made it onto the waiting list, hoping to play, wishing to meet some celebrities, and most of all, hoping they could contribute for a tremendous charity.

One of the people in that line was Shawn Maillet of Dracut. He eventually got his wish, being called on to play. He gave his \$250 to the organization and nearly five hours later, he finished better than 339 others, and will now live a dream by competing in the

World Series of Poker tournament to be held in Las Vegas.

Maillet was one of 340 people who participated in Tuesday's Texas Hold'Em Charity tournament held at Tewksbury Country Club. The tournament will benefit the Mark Wahlberg Foundation, to help young children from the inner-city spend two weeks in a camp in Sebago, Maine during the summer.

The event raised at least \$75,000, and was a complete success. Celebrities such as former professional athletes

Ray Bourque, Troy Brown and Cedric Maxwell all participated, along with actors, professional card players and members of musical bands. People flew in from all over the country to play, but there were a lot of local players as well - including Andy Richardson of Tewksbury, who finished 9th overall, Diane Doyle of Wilmington, who finished 23rd overall, Frank and Shawn Haubner of Wilmington, Bobby and Peter DePesa; the owners of Focaccia's Restaurant, and

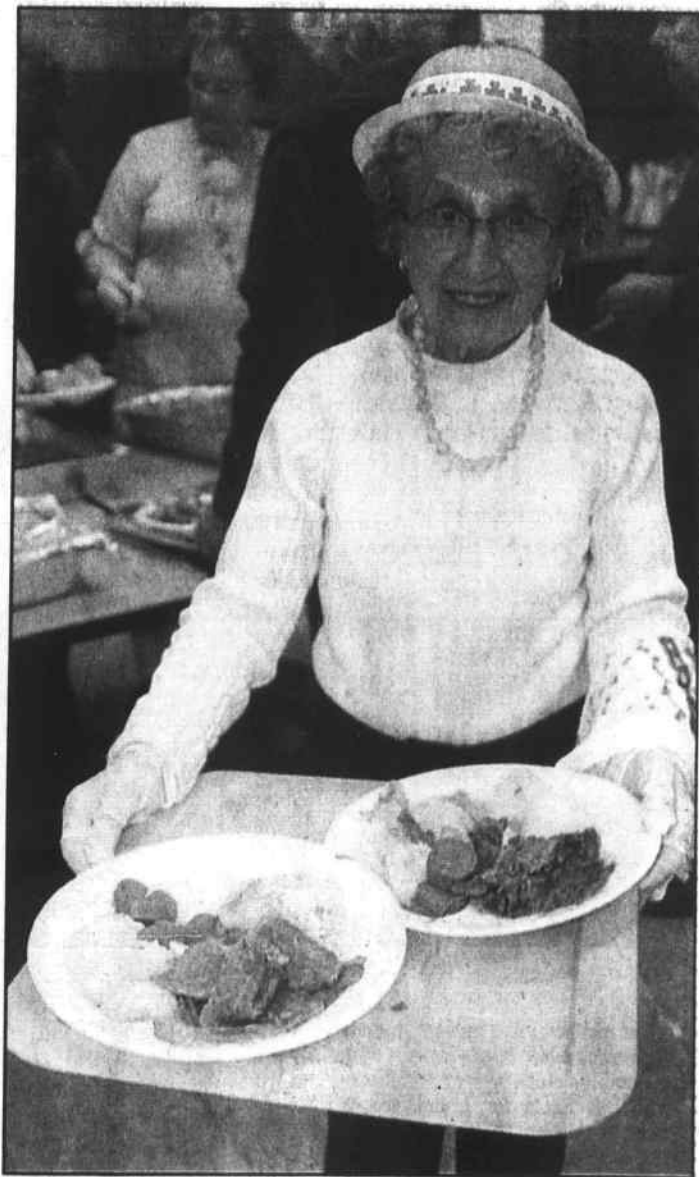
many other locals.

And no matter where people finished, first, 20th or if they were the first one knocked out, the tournament was a complete success. A lot of fun was had by all, and most importantly a lot of money was raised for a tremendous charity.

"This was unbelievable," said Jimmy Wahlberg, the brother of actor Mark Wahlberg, and the administrator of the Wahlberg Foundation. "What a turn out. We had some serious foot soldiers working on this. We sold 300 tickets and we had at least 340 people (who played). We sold tickets, we had some great sponsors ... and Marc Ginsburg from the Country Club was fantastic."

"We hit the goal (of 75,000) with no problem. That means there are 150 kids who are going to summer camp this year - 150 kids are going to a top-of-the line, best-you've-ever-seen camp that's very

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Gloria Szabo helped serve a St. Patrick's Day lunch at the Buzzell Senior Center last Wednesday.

(photo by Maureen Lamoureux - www.shootingstarspix.com)

A look back at Wilmington of yesteryear...

## Deacon Joseph Bell

By LARZ F. NEILSON

WILMINGTON - One of the more beautiful homes in Wilmington is the old Bell farm located at 300 Chestnut Street, built by Joseph Bell in 1831. He was a deacon in the Wilmington Congregational Church.

Joseph Bell was born in February 1800 to John and Sarah Bell. He and three siblings were baptized in Burlington on Dec. 11, 1803, eight days before the death of their mother.

John Bell died in 1825, and his son Joseph inherited the farm. In 1831, he had a new

house built, paying two men from Woburn \$1,000 to build it, with him providing the materials.

There is no record of a marriage, but he married a woman named Beulah. They had a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who died in 1846 at age 19. It is possible that there were other children, since there is no record of Mary Elizabeth's birth, only her death.

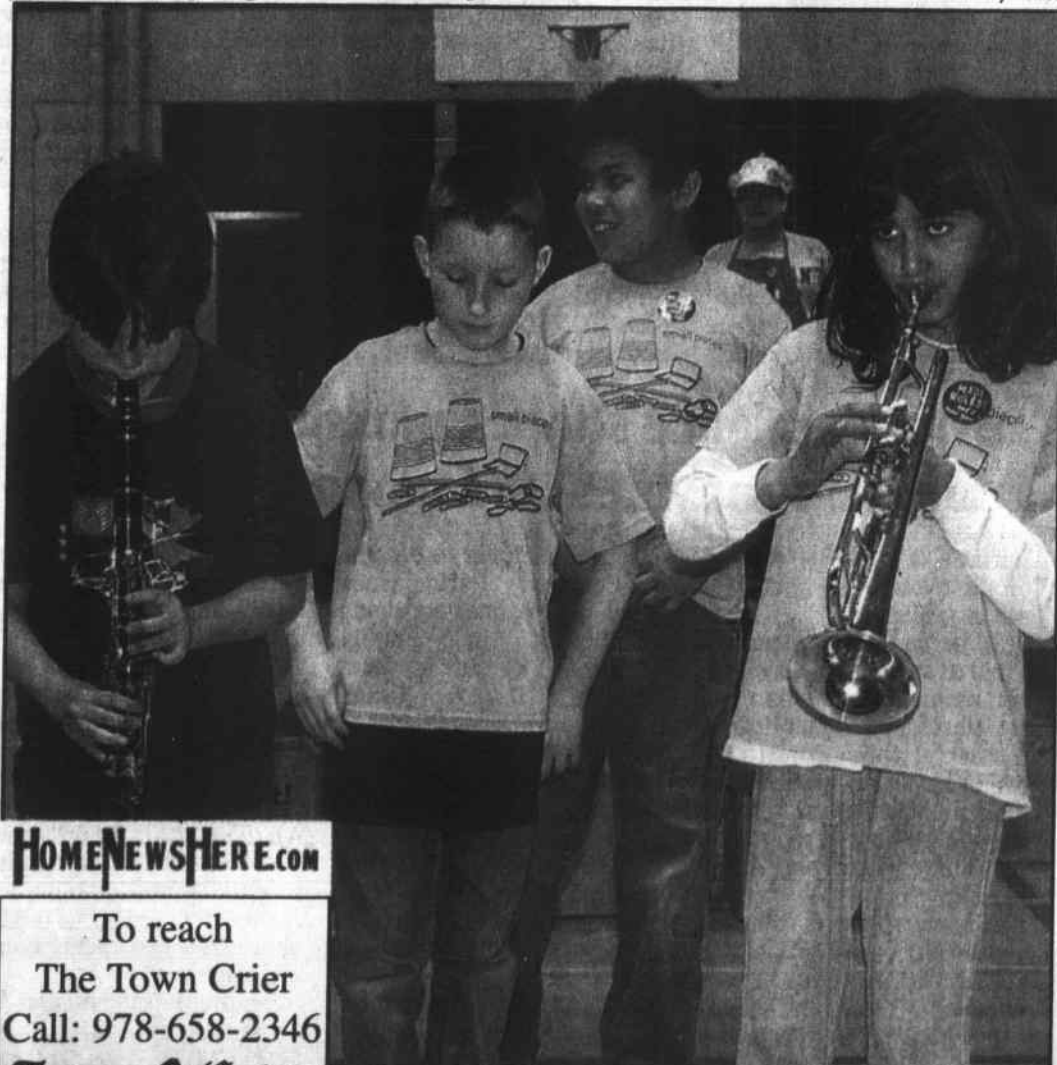
There are records of other births in the early 1850s, to Joseph H. and Georgeanna Bell. Could that have been Deacon Bell's son? Joseph H. was clearly not the deacon, as

these births took place about the same time as the births mentioned later in this article.

Beulah died on May 28, 1848 at age 42.

In 1850, a young woman came up the road from Woburn, penniless. She was Elizabeth Dearborn, 23 years old. She had come to Woburn from eastern New York, near Albany, although she was born in Northfield, N.H. She had with her an infant son named Rensselaer. Apparently she had been driven out of Woburn for reasons

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The Exploding Volcanoes performed at Sunday's Destination Imagination tournament at Triton High School, Byfield, MA. L-R Thomas Burnham, Tyler Stribley, Maxwell Vale, and Prachi Jhavar.

Courtesy photo



## Gennetti Memorial benefit

WILMINGTON - The second annual Matthew D. Gennetti Memorial Scholarship Fundraising benefit will be held on Saturday, April 17th from 7:00 pm to midnight at Anthony's of Malden, located at 105 Canal Street in Malden, Mass.

There will be music, dancing, dinner and raffles, and all of the proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit deserving wrestlers from WHS.

Matthew's passion for wrestling will live on through these scholarships. Last year, four scholarships were given out to WHS seniors.

The donation for the event is \$20.00 per person. For tickets or information, contact Sarah



Matthew D. Gennetti

Carlino at 978-930-9007, David Gennetti at 978-447-1059 or Keri Gennetti at 978-902-0693.

## Hold on, Sonic is on the way

FROM PAGE 1

Last week the Crier reported on the flooding of local waterways, roads, and basements following three days of torrential rain resulting in 9 inches in town. The Shawsheen River crested at an historic flood level following the storm. The Nichols Street Bridge, which spans the Shawsheen River where Tewksbury, Wilmington, and Billerica come together, was completely submerged for several days and sustained substantial damage to the bridge deck. The DPW contacted the Bridge Division of the Massachusetts Department Transportation. The bridge is closed and will remain so until the DOT can send a bridge team to inspect the structure, which will likely not occur for several weeks, and then the DPW can repair it.

### High School enrollment

As Town Meeting approaches with Article 10 seeking to fund a feasibility study for the high school, some news comes from the Massachusetts School Building Authority settling the enrollment projections for the high school. The MSBA recommends a design enrollment

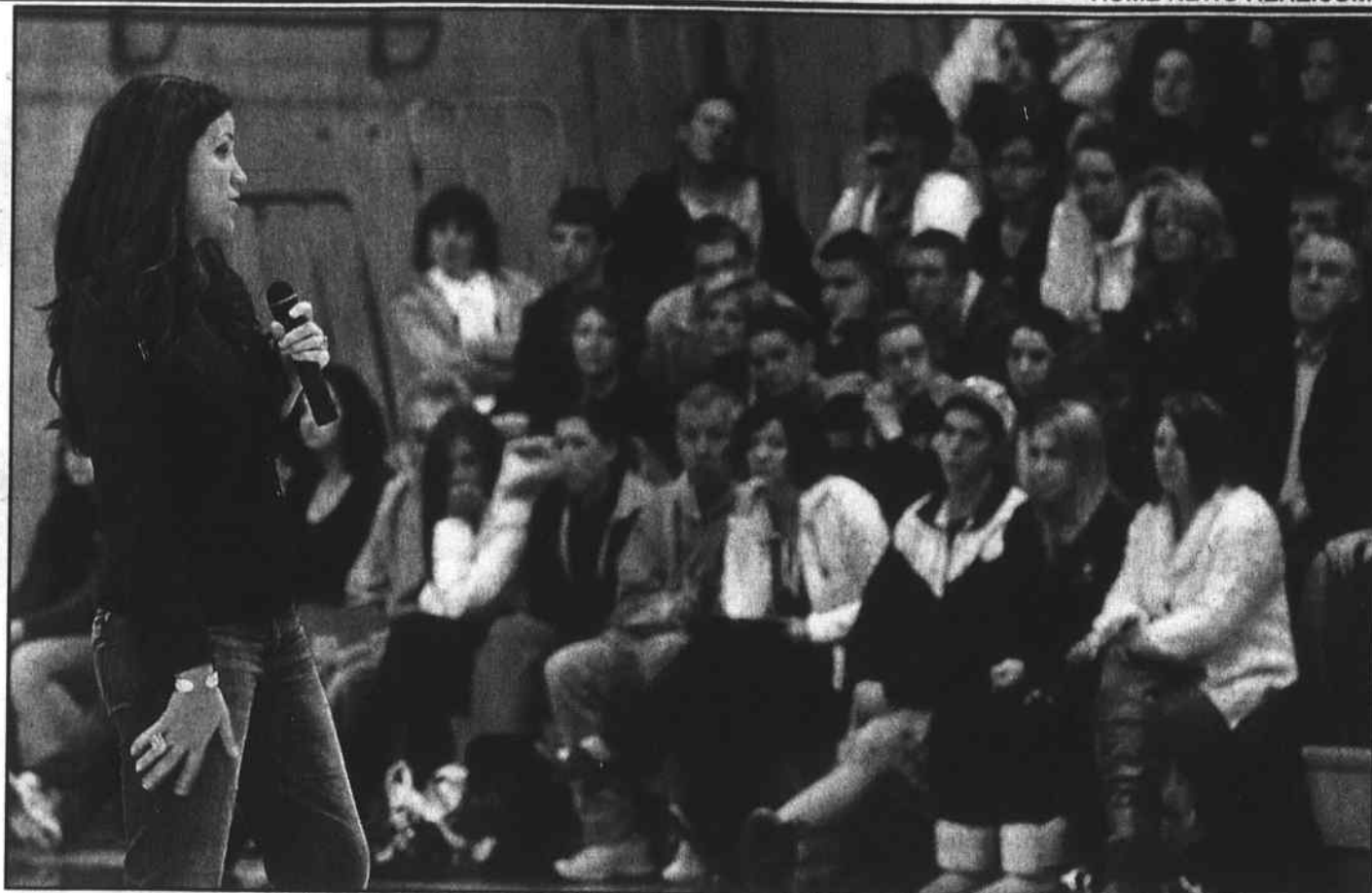
ment of 960 students for Wilmington High School. The enrollment for the high school recorded in October of 2009 shows 975 students, the same enrollment from the previous year, and down from 1,001 from October 2007.

MSBA credits declining birth rates in town as the reason that enrollment will continue to decline. Originally MSBA recommended 935 students enrolled, however, MSBA went back and refined the number to account for fluctuations in student out-of-district attendance, adding 26 kids to the design enrollment.

### Scouts donate elm

Finally, the Boy Scouts of the Yankee Clipper Council are offering a special gift to their communities in the form of donated disease resistant American Elm sapling and the scout-power to plant it as part of its Arbor Day celebration and the 100th year of scouting in this country.

"With its long life, majestic shape, and ties to local history. This tree was chosen by scouts to be a living memorial to the rich history and the future commitment of scouting in our region," wrote Elmer Lyons and in a statement to the press.



Peer Pressure speaker Cara Filler visited Wilmington High School Tuesday night and spoke to the more than 775 in attendance about bad decisions and drinking and other pre-prom topics. This was a mandatory assembly for all WHS students wanting to go to the Prom. Photo by joebrownphotos.com

## Wilmington Middle School Honor Roll

### High Honors

Abbott, Zachary R.  
Ahern, Colin M.  
Alatalo, Rachel M.  
Alatalo, Samuel B.  
Almeida, Daniella A.  
Alonardo, Michelle N.  
Aoki, Jacob B.  
Arbeely, Jessica K.  
Ardizzoni, Anna M.  
Bagayao, Dishan B.  
Ball, Echo S.  
Baranow, Caitlin R.  
Barnum, Mei Lu C.  
Bartnicki, Emily M.  
Bavin, Kaila M.  
Bennett, Connor T.  
Berube, Erin E.  
Bhat, Pawan N.  
Bischoff, Kathryn E.  
Briere, Caroline E.  
Butler, Marisa N.  
Butler, Shana E.  
Carroll, Brooke A.  
Casey, MacKenzie L.  
Cavanaugh, Brian C.  
Ceres, Emma E.  
Chase, Abigail J.  
Cheng, Cristina M.  
Choi, Emily H.  
Cigna, Isabella M.  
Cocoluto, Adam J.  
Collins, Siobhan N.  
Conley, Tina M.  
Cox, Christina E.  
Cummings, Rachel M.  
Curran, Julia M.  
Daley, Peter J.

D'Angelo, Vanessa R.  
DiOrto, Chris M.  
Donahue, Makayla E.  
Doyle, Jillian A.  
Dunn, Kevin J.  
Dunnett, Thomas C.  
Ferraro, Jocelyn S.  
Ferreira, Caitlin T.  
Finn, Madisyn R.  
Fischer, Ryan M.  
Foley, Quinton D.  
Fraser, Jaclyn T.  
Frost, Jeremy A.  
Fruciano, Christina A.  
Frye, Alexander M.  
Gake, Julia E.  
Gake, Michael G.  
Garrard, Brittany A.  
Garrity, Lucas J.  
Gentile, Brandon D.  
Gordon, Lawrence M.  
Granara, Jordyn M.  
Halas, Erin M.  
Hamel, Alivia M.  
Hanlon, Andrew M.  
Hartsough, Robert P.  
Harvey, Elizabeth A.  
Hayes, Hilary F.  
Hoang, Catherine Q.  
Hogan, Jessica L.  
Horgan, Ryan J.  
Hurley, Erin M.  
Hydorn, Megan E.  
Jhawar, Sakshi N.  
Johnston, Caroline M.  
Jenkins, Ronald J.  
Kannally, Justin P.  
Keller, Laura L.

Kelley, Brian D.  
Kennedy, Colin T.  
Kilbride, Eamon F.  
Langenfeld, Steven S.  
Le, Victoria N.  
Le, Vivian N.  
Leger, Justin T.  
Leiskau, Matthew A.  
Lifton, Jessica C.  
Lifton, Kimberly J.  
MacDonald, Courtney E.  
MacDonald, Paige F.  
Mailey, Amanda J.  
Malatesta, Devyn N.  
Martignetti, Gino C.  
Mazzei, Eric P.  
McEvoy, Ryan J.  
McIrney, Nicole J.  
McMahon, Meghan E.  
Meier, Erica A.  
Miele, Theodore G.  
Mirabella, Gianna C.  
Morganelli, Caroline M.  
Morris, Amelia C.  
Murray, Andrew J.  
Nasiff, Carolyn N.  
Nearhos, Kristi D.  
Newhouse, Caroline C.  
Nussbaum, Jessica H.  
O'Connell, Callie R.  
O'Connor, Erin S.  
O'Flaherty, Brendan B.  
O'Regan, James R.  
Papastathis, Alexa G.  
Parrott, Steven J.  
Patrone, Christopher T.  
Pietropaolo, Vincent N.  
Pitzi, Samantha E.

Poli, Nicholas W.  
Potner, Nicole M.  
Pozzi, Jonathan L.  
Priem, Bradley J.  
Pudvelis, Erica A.  
Raffi, Evan P.  
Rasphoumy, Mary E.  
Rhind, Megan E.  
Richards, Amanda L.  
Riley, Caitlin S.  
Robinson, Scott W.  
Rodenhiser, Meghan E.  
Romanzo, Anne S.  
Romanzo, Nicole E.  
Ryan, Jacqueline M.  
Ryan, Kerry A.  
Santry, Taylor N.  
Saporito, Christopher J.  
Scalona, Timothy V.  
Schultz, Rebecca R.  
Souza, Kellie N.  
Spinazola, Jamie M.  
Spurr, Matthew L.  
Stevens, Katelyn E.  
Sulick, Charlotte A.  
Sullivan, Bridget E.  
Sullivan, Maeve E.  
Sullivan, Shannon E.  
Surette, Justine M.  
Tetreault, Nicole E.  
Vibert, Troy A.  
Vitale, Cora M.  
Walsh, Jared J.  
Warren, Julia N.  
West, Colleen M.  
Worob, Samantha M.

## Fatal pedestrian crash on I-93

WILMINGTON - Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at approximately 2:38 a.m., troopers assigned to the State Police Barracks in Andover responded to numerous calls

for a pedestrian struck by a commercial vehicle on Route 93 southbound at Woburn Street in Wilmington.

Preliminary investigation by Trooper James Foley indicates that 47-year-old Thatcher Hoang of Wilmington may have jumped from an overpass and was subsequently struck by a commercial vehicle being operated by Brian Levins, 19, of Cambridge.

Hoang was pronounced deceased at the scene by responding EMS personnel.

The facts and circumstances remain under investigation by Troop A of the Massachusetts State Police with assistance from the State Police Crime Scene Services Section, the State Police Collision Analysis Reconstruction Section, the State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section, and troopers from the Middlesex District Attorney's office.

Troopers were also assisted at the scene by the Wilmington Police Department, the Wilmington Fire Department, and the Department of Transportation Highway Division.

## EXIT Realty educates REALTORS® about market changes

Free educational webinars designed to help real estate professionals

WILMINGTON - EXIT Realty is inviting Wilmington-area real estate professionals, regardless of their brokerage affiliation, to a free, online educational seminar designed to help them understand the changes in the market.

With the title, "Changes in the Real Estate Market and the Industry: How to Stay Ahead of the Curve and Excel in Today's Market," the company will hold webinar sessions on the Internet Tuesday, March 23, 2010, from 4:00-4:30 p.m. EST and 7:00-7:30 EST. The sessions are free, live and can be accessed from anywhere across the U.S.

"At a recent Women's Council of REALTORS® meeting in New York, Tami Bonnell, President of the U.S. organization of EXIT Realty Corp. International, touched on some of these issues and made a huge impact on all

attendees," comments Hector Castillo, regional owner of EXIT Realty of NYC & LI. "Her wisdom and knowledge of our industry made everyone aware of where we are and where we are going. Tami received a standing ovation and almost immediately people started requesting to have her back and speak to the Council again in the very near future."

"In my opinion, the best message Tami gave at our meeting is for everyone to stay ahead of the curve. Now is the time for REALTORS® to go back to the drawing board and educate themselves. If we are going to keep the consumer's confidence, we all need to step up and be more proactive in education and technology," Castillo adds.

Stemming from the company's popular 2009 webinar series for real estate profes-

sionals entitled "Effective Real Estate Business Practices," the upcoming webinar is part of a 2010 series to be held quarterly featuring a variety of topics and will be hosted by Bonnell. "The goal is to provide current information and future trends, as well as teach real estate professionals how to give the consumer what they're really looking for in real estate," Bonnell said.

Bonnell has been featured several times in major industry publications, including Real Estate Magazine, Bay State REALTOR® and Frog Pond Communications. She has addressed thousands at events such as RISMedia's Leadership Conference in N.Y., Inman News Conference in San Francisco and the Top 500 Power Brokers at The National Association of REALTORS® Convention. Bonnell regularly speaks at

Women's Council of REALTORS® meetings across the country.

"Providing service and added value for the consumer is more important than ever," Bonnell adds. "We invite real estate professionals to learn some statistics, new trends, changes in the real estate industry and related fields, as well as understand that with a few changes, they can impact their business in a positive way."

To register for the "Changes in the Real Estate Market and Industry" webinar, visit <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/436321867> for the 4:00 p.m. session or <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/436321867> for the 7:00 p.m. session.

For more information, contact EXIT Realty Corp. International at (888) 668-3948 or [exit@exitrealty.com](mailto:exit@exitrealty.com), or visit [www.exitrealty.com](http://www.exitrealty.com).

## It's Your Money

by Joyce Brisbois



### A GRAT CAN BE GREAT!

For people with enough money to worry about estate taxes - with a taxable estate over \$3.5 million - and gift taxes for giving assets over \$1 million, there are tax-saving options. One is the grantor retained annuity trust.

Here's how a GRAT works: The grantor transfers assets to a trust, then retains an annuity - a stream of income from the trust during the term specified. Any assets left in the trust go to named beneficiaries. Most GRAT trusts are designed to "zero out": the annuity pays back to the grantor the entire amount paid in, with interest. Whatever is left over goes to the heirs free of gift tax.

Current low-interest rates make it easier for the trust to pay back the principal with interest. And as long as the currently depressed assets appreciate, there should be something substantial left for the heirs. Financial experts recommend setting up these popular trusts soon, before Congress toughens the terms.

When estate and financial decisions have tax ramifications - and so many do! - discuss your options with us at

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WILMINGTON - Certified life and family coach Bobbee Valentine, owner and founder of The Family Partner, will be speaking from experience when she begins her new seven-session spring workshop for expectant parents and parents of young children entitled, "Parenting on

Purpose: A workshop focused on the relationship of couples raising children."

"To become a better parent, I had to stop and focus on my communication skills and relationships," Valentine, a mother of three grown children, says. "I wish I had known how to effectively change my way of relating to my family when I was a new parent."

In her workshop, Valentine shares stories of her own parenting struggles. In 2003, she decided to send her then 16-year-old son to a boarding school for at-risk teens. The decision required Valentine and her husband to attend self-discovery seminars.

Valentine was hesitant about the seminars at first, but she eventually opened up and truly enjoyed them. The

experience led her to become a Certified Performance Coach in 2006, later certifying specifically in Family Coaching. Valentine is also a certified Dream Coach trained by Marcia Wieder, a life coach featured on "Oprah." Valentine holds a master's degree in management from Cambridge College and founded The Family Partner in 2007.

The goal of "Parenting on Purpose" is to create fun and functional families by identifying and better understanding family values and by improving relationships through enhanced communication. Most importantly, this workshop will help bring parents together on the same page. "Coaching focuses on the present and the future. What happened yesterday is

over now," Valentine says. "What do you want for your family and how will you get there? You really can have it and I will show you how."

Each workshop session will focus on a different topic, including improving family communication, parenting with consistency and having fun. The small group atmosphere allows for the families to learn from each other and realize they may be struggling with the same issues and concerns.

For more information on "Parenting on Purpose" and The Family Partner, visit [www.TheFamilyPartner.com](http://www.TheFamilyPartner.com) or contact Bobbee Valentine at [BobbeeV@TheFamilyPartner.com](mailto:BobbeeV@TheFamilyPartner.com) and 978-203-0096.



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## Letters to the editor

### Thank you, Fire Dept

Dear Editor,  
We would like to thank the Wilmington Fire Department for their help with our flooding problems.  
They saved our well from being contaminated. They

also saved our basement from being completely flooded and causing some serious damage.  
We are truly grateful.  
Roger and Beth Lessard  
Wilmington

### Setting the record straight

Dear Editor:  
Please allow me to respond to questions raised for the voters in last week's edition. In a particular letter, the author asked, "Why would the Board of Selectman [sic.] place Article 37 on the Warrant? This is an article submitted by Mr. Newhouse, requesting that the property review board deem this residence at 4 Poplar Street surplus and allow him to buy it at the highest bid?"

The simple answer is that the law requires the Town to do so.  
By way of explanation, let me first point out that the "Mr. Newhouse" that filed the petition with the office of the Town Clerk was a resident named Craig Newhouse. Neither the Board of Selectmen nor I sponsored this article. I leave it to the readers to decide whether Mr. Nelson's omission of that important fact was intentional or not. In any event, the Town could not and would not attempt to sell privately owned property - PERIOD.

Likewise, it is interesting to note that Mr. Nelson submitted his letter even after watching a televised meeting during which the Town Manager informed the Board, and the public, that the petition included a clerical mistake, and that the petitioner would be withdrawing it at Town Meeting. The Manager specifically noted that the petitioner inadvertently and incorrectly described the property as Assessor's Map 6, Parcel 20, whereas the property should have been described as Assessor's Map 18, Parcel 20. By way of follow up, at the Planning Board/Finance Committee Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 16th, which occurred prior to Mr. Nelson's letter being published, the petitioner personally appeared at the

hearing, acknowledged the clerical mistake, and published his intention to withdraw the article at Town Meeting.

In his letter, Mr. Nelson also complains of a different petition article that was excluded from the Warrant by the office of the Town Clerk. What he does not bother to mention is that Mr. Nelson himself submitted the article. He also does not mention that both the offices of the Secretary of State and of Town Counsel specifically agreed that the Town Clerk would have been wrong to accept it.

One might wonder what the difference is between these two situations. In short, the Board of Selectmen are legally required to include all petition articles, submitted with verifiable signatures of at least ten registered voters to the Town Clerk, and otherwise in compliance with proper procedure, without regard to the content of the proposed article. The Town regularly receives petition articles that contain factual inaccuracies, but it is for Town Meeting to address the content. On the other hand, if the petitioner does not follow the proper procedure in order to put his request before Town Meeting, the Town Clerk's office is legally prohibited from certifying it. I hope this explanation clarifies the process for Mr. Nelson and your readers, and I hope we spend the balance of this campaign season talking about how to maintain Wilmington's status as the best affordable town in Massachusetts, rather than making political sport out of residents' procedural missteps and simple clerical mistakes.

Sincerely,  
Michael J. Newhouse  
Selectman  
Wilmington

### No political spin, please

Dear Editor:  
I am a resident who submitted two petition articles for consideration by Town Meeting to be held on May 1. One of those articles requests the Town to consider selling at auction property abutting Stanley Street, which property is shown as Assessor's Map 6, Lots 139 to 143. The other petition that I filed was intended to request the Town to consider selling another parcel, also located on Stanley Street, which property is shown as Assessor's Map 18, Lot 20. However, due to an honest mistake, this petition incorrectly described this lot as Assessor's Map 6, Lot 20. I apologize for this mistake.

Just for the record, I was informed about the mistake after submitting the article to the Town Clerk. I asked if I could correct the mistake, prior to the warrant being closed, but I was told that doing so would be against the rules. I then asked if I could remove the article from the warrant, but that too would be against the rules. The way

to deal with the mistake is to simply withdraw it from consideration on the floor of town meeting. That is exactly what I intend to do, and that is exactly what I told the Planning Board and Financing Committee that I would do, when the article came up at their hearing last Tuesday night.

I have never claimed to be perfect, and I do not blame the Town, the Town Clerk, the Board of Selectmen, or anyone else for my mistakes. I have taken the time to learn what the rules are, but due to a typographical error, I just didn't satisfy them. I accept that, end of story.  
I again extend a sincere apology to anyone that has been offended by this mistake, but I would appreciate it if people wouldn't try to use it for their own political gain, or to spin it into something that it's not.

Thank you for this opportunity to clarify the situation.  
Craig Newhouse  
Petitioner, Article 37  
Wilmington



## Betsy's Best Bets

by Betsy Woods McGuire

### Sugar and Spice and Everything Nice

Everything I like is either illegal, immoral or fattening.  
(Alexander Woolcott)

Have you had enough yet of food being medicine - reading labels, counting calories, comparing carbohydrates and cholesterol, avoiding fats, finding fiber, and on and on?

Here's how I order an English muffin: toasted dark, dripping in butter. Julia Child had the right idea. She used to rail against low-fat food - she knew the flavor was in the fat. Just eat less she would say, don't ruin the taste. When asked what she attributed her long and healthy life to, she answered, fresh vegetables, red meat and gin!

Believe it or not, there was a time when people did not have to give a thought to what they ate. Having enough money to buy too much food was unheard of for the working class. And all of the food that was available was unprocessed, basic "meat and potatoes." Farms were small and independent; much of our food was produced locally. This was before the giant corporate agri-farms smothered most family farms.

Today chemicals are fed and spread and sprayed like marinade - preservatives, additives, stabilizers, flavor enhancers, take your chances. And best of all, let's not exclude genetically altered Frankenfood. Yum, Yum!

A long time ago I owned a health food store, back when no one knew what that was (which means I went broke), so you can see where I'm coming from. I'm still a true believer, wholesome food is important but more and more grocery shopping is like doing homework, tiring and tedious but necessary. I wouldn't say I've done a one-eighty, it's more like adopting a new rationale toward food. "What

the hell" fits in nicely with my adjusted attitude - a kind of twist on Julia Child's "eat less" advice. Mine is, eat like a self-indulgent pig, but less often.

If I'm going to go off the deep end, my very first pleasure-mongering moment would definitely be at the Betty Ann Food Shop in East Boston. First, don't let the innocuous little name give you the wrong impression. This is not some checkered tablecloth, lace curtain kitchen. Not by a long shot. The modest exterior is beat, the large glass window on one side is cloudy, and the wooden screen door, with chipped paint, is right out of a bygone era. But before you have time to react to "all of that" as you walk along the sidewalk, Ohmygod, the smell that permeates the air, coming from the antique ovens, is enough to cause delirium! Inside is just as bare and unadorned as the outside (but who cares), the open floor space has no tables or chairs, some of the glass cases look as if they have always been empty and the other cases have next to nothing in them.

The Betty Ann Food Shop has been around since 1931, third generation, same family. Coal is still used to fuel the cast iron Dutch Crown oven, the dough is made from scratch, and all of the pastry recipes are from scratch. These Old World doughnuts, the jelly in particular, are to die for. If you're old enough to remember hand-cut old style doughnuts, well ... you're in for a fabulous flashback feast. Round and dense, dark and crusty, coated with grainy granular sugar, oozing jelly - and keep in mind, this is a yeast doughnut not a cake

mix doughnut. If you're a connoisseur, that gives you something to contemplate as you race down the road toward East Boston.

All of the other doughnuts and pastries are heavenly too, but here's the thing. Betty Ann's hours are short, open from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and even if you get there, let's say, around 8:30 a.m. very little is left. This tells me that Bill Scantlebury, the one-man owner/operator/baker can only make so much, which means he sells out early. Here we have a situation where the customer does the accommodating - the choice is, get there early one way or another. Or, you can call and place an order. But that would spoil the fun and anticipation of standing on your head to get the best - letting your memory drift back to a time and place when simply eating a doughnut was pure and unaffected pleasure. For me, when I step outside onto busy Bennington Street and dig into the bag, getting sticky sugar all over my hands and face, I'm lost in the moment, recapturing that unique and wonderful period, oh so long ago, when doughnuts and just about everything else was for real.

And that's not all. On Saturdays there's more variety - pies, cakes, cupcakes, coffee rolls, squares and Scantlebury's "fit for a king" old fashioned baked beans. All night long the beans, molasses, salt-pork and spices simmer away - a recipe that dates back to the Depression. Well worth waiting in line - you'll never be happy with canned again.

While you're in East Boston don't overlook the rest of the neighborhood. If you consid-

er the fact that East Boston is separated from the rest of the City, bordered by Winthrop, Revere and Chelsea, the neighborhood is very much its own place, with its own strong identity. There are restaurants, markets, corner stores and cafes everywhere, some new, some tried and true. But what makes East Boston stand out is the breathtaking view of the City's skyline from across the harbor. Seeing the waterfront from this angle is dramatic and striking. If you drive around the Jeffries Point area you'll not only experience the most spectacular view of the harbor from the premonitory, you'll also find some of the most beautiful architecture anywhere in the City. Many of the residences were built in the Greek Revival Style, along with Italian and French Revival Styles that exist throughout East Boston.

My elderly cousin still lives on the top floor of a three-decker on Orleans Street, where my grandfather lived. She thinks nothing of going up and down the stairs to get her mail, put out her trash or to let a friend in - or to head out, on foot, for Maverick Station. One time when we planned to meet for lunch in the North End I asked her how she would get there. She casually said she would take the Blue Line.

Gee, I think I'll ask her about the ground floor apartment. No need for a car, plenty of exercise, good food on every corner - and the Atlantic Ocean outside the door. Che Bella Vita, as she would say.

Questions/Comments bet-symcg@comcast.net



## What's Cooking?

by Paula Murphy

Savory Pies for Easter from a Tewksbury kitchen.

### Torta Pasqualina

(Easter Pie)  
This pie was originally made with 33 sheets of pastry, signifying Christ's age when he died. Nowadays, this number is reduced for easier preparation.

4 cups unbleached white flour  
2 teaspoons salt  
1 cup extra-virgin olive oil  
1 cup water  
2 lbs. Swiss chard  
2 tablespoon onions, finely chopped  
1 clove garlic minced  
1 tablespoon parsley, finely chopped  
1 heaping teaspoon fresh marjoram  
7 ounces Ricotta cheese  
5 tablespoons heavy cream  
1 heaping tablespoon flour  
8 eggs  
½ cup Parmesan cheese  
2 tablespoons butter  
salt and pepper to taste  
Put the flour and salt in a large mixing bowl. Add ½ cup oil and the water and stir with a wooden spoon until all the flour is absorbed. Transfer to a lightly floured work surface and knead until smooth and elastic. Divide the dough into 15 portions, with one slightly larger than the rest. Cover with a damp cloth and set aside for 30 minutes.

Trim the Swiss chard, rinse well, and cook for 7 minutes in a boiling salted water. Drain, squeeze and coarsely chop. Sauté the onion, garlic and parsley in 3 tablespoons olive oil for 2 minutes over medium heat, then add Swiss chard and cook, stirring, for about 5 minutes. Turn off the heat, add the marjoram, stir well, and set aside to cool.

Combine the Ricotta, cream, second measure of flour, and 2 eggs in a bowl, season with salt and pepper, and mix well. Roll out the larger piece of dough on a lightly floured work surface until you have a very thin disk, almost transparent, and large enough to cover the base of a 12 inch springform pan. Oil the pan and line the based and sides with the dough, leaving a little to overlap at the top. Brush with oil. Prepare another 6 sheets of dough, large enough to cover the bottom and ¼ up the sides of the pan. Place them in the pan one by one, brushing with oil each time, except for the last one. Spread the Swiss chard evenly over, and sprinkle with half of the Parmesan. Drizzle with 2 tablespoon of the oil and cover with the Ricotta mixture. Use the back of a spoon to make 6 fairly deep hollows even spaced in the filling. Place a pat of butter in each hollow, then break an egg into each, keeping the yolks intact. Season with salt and pepper, drizzle each egg with a few drops of olive oil, and sprinkle with the remaining Parmesan. Use the remaining dough to make another 6 sheets the size of the springform pan. Place them over the filling one by one, brushing each with olive oil. Fold back the edges of the first sheet to seal the sheets inside, brush with olive oil, and prick with a fork. Bake in a preheated oven at 375 degrees for 50 minutes. Set aside to cool before removing from pan. Serve at room temperature.

### Ricotta Pie

Ricotta Dough  
1¼ cup flour  
1½ teaspoons salt

¼ cup butter

4 ounces Ricotta cheese  
Place the flour and salt in a mound on a clean work surface. Make a hollow in the center and fill with the butter and water. Mix the ingredients with a fork, mashing the butter as you work. When almost mixed and crumbly, add the Ricotta. Shape into a soft ball, kneading as little as possible. Place in a 9" springform pan or pie plate and flatten with the heels of your hands until dough covers bottom and three quarters of the sides. Use a fork to bring the sides up evenly. Cover with plastic wrap and put in the refrigerator for at least 30

minutes.

Filling  
10 ounces Ricotta cheese  
2 eggs, beaten  
2 ounces ham, chopped  
3 ounces mortadella, chopped  
2 ounces Parmesan cheese  
2 tablespoons light cream  
salt and pepper to taste.  
Combine all filling ingredients. Spread evenly into pan filled with prepared dough, and bake at 375 degrees for 40 minutes, or until top is golden brown.

Please send your recipes to Paula at paula.wilmingtoncooks@hotmail.com.

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## Around the Dial with WCTV

### Residents "All Heart" for WCTV Food Drive!

On the brisk Saturday morning of February 13th, WCTV members Sandra Curtin, Don and Mary Leard and WCTV volunteers: Jim Durkee and student members Meg Ryan and Kerry Ryan were smiling and ready at the Wilmington Market Basket, as they handed out a list of non-perishables local residents could contribute to the WCTV "Donations from the Heart" food drive to benefit the Wilmington Food Pantry. Later on in the day volunteer Bob Boyce was on

hand to help deliver the many bags of food that were collected. We estimate 5 shopping carts in all were filled and happily accepted by Bob DiPalma who runs the Wilmington Food Pantry. The food drive has always been a very important project here at WCTV and this event marked WCTV's 15th year. With the economic downturn that every state in our nation is experiencing, it was very humbling to see the outpouring of generosity displayed by Wilmington resi-

dents. Sandra Curtin reported that some folks even gave cash donations.

"We all felt so good seeing all the food that was being collected! One of the critical items the food pantry asked for was cereal and we had at least 100 boxes donated! I am proud to be a member of this community!" said Curtin. In a time when people are concerned about their own families and making ends meet, it is truly remarkable that those who could - gave so much.

WCTV has always held this event in conjunction with Valentine's Day and it seems fitting that this event takes place each year around a holiday that symbolizes love and giving.

We at WCTV are proud to hold this event each year and thank each and every one of you who participated in our "Donations from the Heart" food drive. We couldn't do it without you!



# Let's Hear it!!

## Your Two Cents...



What language do the drivers read that don't know what "Clark St. Closed" means? :)

Wilmington



## Letters to the editor

### A vote for Polimeno

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of Krissy Polimeno, who is running for Tewksbury School Committee. Krissy has the energy and leadership qualities necessary to be a productive School Committee member; she has spent several years volunteering in our schools and throughout our community while raising her three children with her husband. Krissy clearly knows how to manage her time effectively, and while serving as a School Committee member would be a new role for her, she has shown her ability to balance many different responsibilities at once.

Krissy has been a teacher, so she understands the challenges of being in the classroom and the rewards that come from a successful educational program. She has been a manager for a medical software company, so she understands the challenges of budgeting and

employee relations. She has been an active parent and volunteer leader in our schools, so she understands the challenges students face every day, and she has worked hard to make improvements in our schools.

Krissy and I have served together on the Townwide Parent Advisory Council since she became Co-Chair of the Dewing PAC, and I have been impressed with her from the first time we met. I have seen her passion for doing what is right for our schools and our children and I know Krissy will carry this passion with her all the way to a position on the Tewksbury School Committee. Please join me in voting for Krissy Polimeno for School Committee on April 10, 2010.

Thank you,  
Maura Rauseo  
Co-Chair TMHS PAC  
Tewksbury

### A vote for Puccia

Dear Editor:

On April 10th Tewksbury voters will make important choices. The choice made for School Committee will be a critical one.

The approval of a new high school for Tewksbury is not a "fix it" for the whole town. The building is a wonderful addition, but the next battle has just begun. Buildings do not solely make for a quality education. It is the teachers, administrators and strategic planning that will create the best educational platform possible.

Lisa Puccia has proven time and again that creative thinking and energy can make a difference. Lisa has a track record for developing programs that enhance our children's lives. Most importantly, Lisa has found ways to fund these programs not solely on the backs of parents, but through exhaustive

research and follow through on many grants that are available locally and throughout the state. It is this type of performance and proven results we need in Tewksbury during this critical economic time.

Lisa's accomplishments have been recognized by the State House, other community members and, perhaps most importantly, other parents like ourselves. Lisa will bring this level of commitment and track record of success to our school committee at a critical juncture in Tewksbury.

New ideas, fiscal responsibility, creative funding efforts and determination are all the traits we have seen Lisa bring to our town.

Please support Lisa Puccia for School Committee on April 10th. Thank you.

Marko and Carla Duffy  
Tewksbury

### A vote for Polimeno

Dear Editor,

I would like to let the voters of Tewksbury know about an outstanding candidate in the upcoming election for School Committee. Providing the best possible education to all of the children of Tewksbury is an essential priority for Krissy Polimeno. This is tremendously important to me as a parent of three children in the Tewksbury Public School System.

There will be many difficult decisions to be made soon after this election and I cannot think of another person to whom I would entrust that

responsibility. Krissy is fearless, energetic, positive, thorough, informed and informative, and she possesses the utmost integrity. Krissy is a true natural leader who leads by example - she is exactly what Tewksbury needs in its School Committee members. I am proud to support her as a candidate for School Committee and ask you to join me on April 10 in casting your vote for Krissy Polimeno.

Dean Graffeo  
Tewksbury

### A vote for Polimeno

Dear Editor,

It is my great pleasure to be able to write this letter of support for Krissy Polimeno, who is running for Tewksbury School Committee.

Krissy is an easy candidate to rally around - she is dedicated to our schools and our community, she has the experience necessary for the job, and she has the drive and determination to make positive changes, as well as the knowledge necessary to make difficult decisions. Krissy is Chair of the Dewing School Parent Advisory Council; she has served on Reconfiguration

and Superintendent Search Committees; and is the current president of the Friends of the New Tewksbury Memorial High School. She knows Tewksbury, our friends, our community, and especially, our schools and the needs of our children.

The integrity, balance and future of any community begin in its schools. Please help me to support Krissy Polimeno for Tewksbury School Committee so that our town can have the brightest of all possible futures.

Susan M. Kolls  
Tewksbury

## Jump right in to Water Aerobics!

WILMINGTON - Join this fun fitness class that provides a workout using the natural resistance of water. Classes will be held at the Shawheen Tech. pool on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, April 13 - May 27, 2010 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. There will be no classes during school vacation (April 20 and 22). The cost for this

six-week, twelve session program, is \$72.

Pre-registration is required. Register at the Wilmington Recreation Department, Town Hall, Room 8 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (978) 658-4270.

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Ryan Covino and Joe Stumpf at the end of the day proudly wearing their T-Shirts from Physyzs for completing the day's activities!

## Covino Breaks a sweat for Children of Haiti

WILMINGTON - Ryan Covino, Associate Partner at NORTHEAST REALTY-PARTNERS, spent Saturday March 6th breaking a sweat! Ryan flew to San Diego to take part in a 5am-5pm workout that would benefit the children of Haiti. Joe Stumpf, founder of By Referral Only, a real estate and mortgage coaching community that Ryan has been a part of since June of 2008, put together this one-day event in which only 12 real estate or mortgage consultants throughout North America would be able to attend. The workout was hosted by Robert Budd, of Physyzs and Ezia Human Performance, and started promptly at 5:00 a.m. The first segment was focused on Kettle Bell

Training. The second segment was held on a beach and focused on Yoga and body-weight exercises. Lunch at Joe Stumpf's house followed. The third segment consisted of running on the beach and also running the stairs. The workout concluded with a power Kettle Bell series and they wrapped up the day having pasta at Joe's home.

Ryan, no stranger to fitness, will be running his 4th Boston Marathon in April and actively competes in road races while working out locally at CATZ on Concord Street. You can read more about Ryan and his marathon training blog at [www.ryanovino.com](http://www.ryanovino.com). You may also make a donation of your own at [www.yelehaiti.com](http://www.yelehaiti.com).

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This past weekend 35 Boy Scouts from Troop 56, along with 17 Adult leaders, spent Friday through Sunday at Camp Storer in Barnstead, NH. This was the first camping trip for the new scouts that just crossed over from Cub Scouts in January. The higher ranking scouts in the troop setup training stations, which included knot tying, first-aid, survival skills, fire building, tent setup, along with an axe and saw safety yard to teach the less experienced scouts these skills in preparation for rank advancement. The scouts split into three patrols for the weekend, created their own menus did the shopping and prepared their own meals. The weekend was filled with learning and fun everyone. For more information on Troop 56 visit [www.troop56.com](http://www.troop56.com).

Courtesy photo

## Tewksbury Senior Topics

This Friday, March 26th, the Center's very first Country Western Dance will be held. The evening will be marked by the talents of Recording Artist Jimmy Allen and his band. Tickets are available now and at the door at \$10 per person; and, will take place from 7-11 PM.

A special note of thanks is extended to all those people who helped with the recent Corned Beef Dinner held at the Senior Center this past Saturday evening. Thanks is also sent to all those who patronized the event and to Richard Marshall for providing Irish music during dinner.

The craft class is planning another trip to Vanity Fair which will take place on Wednesday, March 31st. The trip is \$30 and includes mini bus transportation and lunch at the Old Town Buffet. All are welcome to join the group on this trip.

Up-coming events in April are:

- Monday, April 5th, Cootie Party beginning at 12:45 PM
- Friday, April 16th - Silver Tones Dance from 7-10 PM
- Sunday, April 18th - Breakfast Benefit from 7:30 to 11:00 AM
- Wednesday, April 21st -

Red Hat Italian Pot Luck Supper

- Saturday, April 23rd - Cribbage Tournament beginning at 12:00 Noon

Ticket went on sale this past Monday for the April 14th Foxwood day trip. On may want to call the Center at 978-640-4480 to see if there are any openings left. The trip cost is \$21 per person.

Tickets are also available for the ACTORS, INC. performance of "Anything Goes" that will be held at the Tewksbury Senior Center. Performances will be held on the following dates:

Friday and Saturday, April 14 and 15 at 7:00 PM; and, Sunday, April 16th at 2:00 PM. Tickets which are expected to go quickly are \$20 and may be purchased at the Senior Center.

SHINE Counselor, Jill, is at the Senior Center on Tuesdays and is seen by appointment only. To arrange an appointment, one may call the Senior Center at 978-640-4480. The SHINE Counselor is available to advise Senior Citizens on medical insurance options.

A pleasant week is wished to all. God Bless America.

## Eating out a challenge for people with food allergies

AYER - Parents of children with food allergies are invited to a roundtable discussion on Tuesday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Nashoba Valley Medical Center, 200 Groton St., Ayer. The topic will be "Eating Out with Food Allergies." There is no charge to attend, and pre-registration is not required.

"Do you have favorite places to eat out locally? How do you handle eating in restaurants when you travel? We hope people will share their stories and tips," says Ruth Lovett Smith, co-leader of the Nashoba Valley Asthma & Allergy Support Group, which is hosting the meeting. "We'll also talk about how to teach your children to ask the right questions and make safe decisions when they eat away from home."

Lovett Smith of Harvard, MA is the parent of a child with food allergies, and founder of [BestAllergySites.com](http://BestAllergySites.com), a website to help families who are

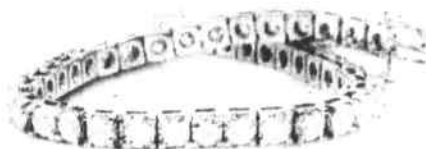
living with food allergies. She is chairperson of the May 2 charity auction to benefit the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, New England Chapter, which sponsors the Nashoba Valley Asthma & Allergy Educational Support Group.

The group will meet again on Tuesday, April 27 and will host a presentation by allergist Michael Pistiner, MD on "Children with Food Allergies: Practical Tips and Recent Developments."

AAFA New England organizes educational support group programs throughout the region, publishes a newsletter, and runs a telephone resource and referral line for people coping with allergies and asthma. For a free newsletter or fact sheets, information about the May 2 "Breath of Spring Gala & Auction," or to join the e-mail list for meeting announcements, call (781) 444-7778 or send an e-mail to: [aafane@aafane.org](mailto:aafane@aafane.org).



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# OBITUARIES

## Donald W. Andersen

Former co-owner of D & D Gulf, N. Wilmington

### Schedule of services revised

WILMINGTON - Donald W. Andersen, age 75, of Wilmington, died peacefully on Monday, March 15, 2010, at Woodbriar of Wilmington following a lengthy illness. Born in Woburn, MA, on February 2, 1935, Donald was the cherished son of the late Wigo H. & Dorothy (Ross) Andersen. Donald lived in Woburn for a few years before moving to Wilmington as a young boy. Donald grew up on the "Andersen Farm," his family's farm, where he worked hard and learned to love animals.

Donny, as he was fondly known by family and friends, started the D & D Gulf Station in North Wilmington with his cousin Doug Andersen, together they ran a successful business for many years. Donny was also the owner of the Lincoln Ave. Gulf Station in Haverhill before his illness forced him to retire.

Donny will be remembered for his love of cars; especially old ones. He enjoyed the outdoors, he was a "people person," as well as a devoted family man. He will be greatly missed.

Donny is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years



Gwendolyn (Rice) Andersen of Wilmington, he was the devoted father of William H. Andersen & his wife Tracey of Sandwich, Charlene Andersen and her spouse Cheryl Smith of Nottingham, NH, and Pennilyn Dudley & her husband Paul of Wilmington, loving grandfather of Derek and Karl Andersen. Donny is also survived by several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral Services will take place on Friday, March 26th at 11:00 a.m. in the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington. Interment in the family lot at Wildwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Donny's name may be made to the Charity of One's Choice.

## Katherine L. Bellis

A bubbly personality and great smile

WILMINGTON - Mrs. Katherine L. (Lanza) Bellis, age 80, of Wilmington, died peacefully at home on Tuesday, March 23, 2010. Born in Boston, MA, on October 9, 1929, Katherine was the dear daughter of the late Rosario and Lena (Janessa) Lanza. Katherine grew up in the North End of Boston and was educated there. She married Alfred S. Bellis in 1948 celebrating over forty years of marriage before his death in 1989. Katherine and Alfred lived in Boston and Medford for many years before moving to Wilmington in 1978. Katherine was employed as a waitress for several restaurants and retired from Luigi's Restaurant in Tewksbury. Katherine will be fondly remembered by family and friends as having a bubbly personality and a great smile. She was an avid bingo player, a devoted and loving mother and grandmother, and a good friend. She will be missed by all.

Katherine was the beloved wife of the late Alfred S. Bellis, devoted mother of Donna Marie Trimarchi and her husband Nino of Wilmington and John F. Bellis of Tampa, FL, loving "Nana" of Tracy Walthour & her husband Scott of Modesto, CA, James



Angiolillo, Jr. & his fiancé Nicole, Lee Michael Trimarchi & his wife Kelly, and Matthew Trimarchi all of Wilmington, John F. Bellis, Jr., Jodi Bellis, and Robert Bellis all of Florida, as well as several great-grandchildren, sister of Salvatore Lanza & his wife Lucy of New Hampshire and Anthony Luongo of Plymouth, MA, sister-in-law of Dorothy Torino of Quincy. Katherine is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Family & friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Friday, March 26th at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Dorothy's Church, Main St., Wilmington at 10:00 a.m. Interment Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours Thursday, March 25th from 4-8 p.m.

## Carol A. Martell

Raised her family in Tewksbury

WOBURN - Mrs. Carol A. Martell, age 66, of Woburn passed away Wednesday, March 10th, at the Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington following a lengthy illness. She was the beloved wife of the late William A. Martell Sr. Born in Reading, MA. She was the daughter of the late George F. and Bertha S. (Knight) Margeson.

Carol was brought up and educated in Woburn. Following her marriage she settled in Tewksbury for many years where she raised her loving family. She later moved back to Woburn and has been living there for over five years. Carol was a retired quality assurance engineer and worked for over fifteen years at the Wang Labs in Tewksbury.

She was mostly devoted to her loving family and many friends. She had an infectious personality and loved to make people laugh. She enjoyed being with her family and extended family with some of her most memorable times camping in the White Mountains of New Hampshire or camping in Tyngsboro with her children and those she loved.

In addition to her late parents and husband, Carol is predeceased by her grandson, Shane, sister, Donna McCullough, and brothers, George and David Margeson. She is survived by her children, William A. Martell, Jr. of Billerica, Karen Frances and her husband John of



South Carolina, Kim Tudisco and her husband Richard of North Andover. She was the loving grandmother of Trey, Ryan, Sarah, Meghan, Alexander, Kali, Tori, Brian, John Jr., and Hayley. She is also survived by her cousin and best friend, Marjorie Brogna of Burlington, sister-in-laws, Patricia Margeson of Tewksbury and Laurie Margeson of Woburn. She is further survived by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial mass will be celebrated at St. Thomas of Villanova Church on Friday, March 26th, at 10:00 a.m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Services will conclude with burial at the Tewksbury Cemetery. It has been requested that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Carol's memory to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by the Dello Russo Funeral Home of Wilmington, 978-658-4476.

For obituary and guest book, [www.dellorosso.net](http://www.dellorosso.net)

## Irene L. Labrecque

Active at the Wilmington Senior Center

WILMINGTON - Mrs. Irene L. (Goudreau) Labrecque, age 79, of Wilmington, died Saturday, March 20, 2010, at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington following a courageous battle with cancer. Irene was born on May 18, 1930, in Pawtucket, RI, she was the dear daughter of the late Loria and Lillian (Lemoie) Goudreau. Irene grew up in Pawtucket and was educated there. In November of 1951, Irene married Roland R. Labrecque and the couple celebrated over 44 years of marriage prior to his passing in 1995.

Roland and Irene moved to Canada for several years and then back to Rhode Island. When they decided to move to Massachusetts, the couple settled in Beverly for many years and then in Amesbury, where they raised their children. Irene moved to Wilmington over 15 years ago and belonged to the Wilmington Senior Center.

Prior to retiring, Irene was a cook at the Rainbow Nursing Home for many years.

In her spare time she enjoyed knitting, traveling to Arizona and Las Vegas with her husband, to Florida and Disney World with her children and grandchildren, and on cruises with her family.

Irene was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, a good friend and neighbor; she will be greatly missed by all.

Irene was the beloved wife of the late Roland R. Labrecque, devoted mother



of Fernand Labrecque & his wife Dorothy of Methuen, MA, Richard Labrecque & his wife Dona of Haverhill, MA, David Labrecque & his wife Jeannine of Methuen, MA, Lorian Langan & her husband Thomas of Kingston, NH, and the late George Labrecque, loving grandmother of 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, dear sister of Pauline Lazouras of Attleboro, MA.

Family & friends gathered at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Wednesday, March 24th at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 10:00 a.m. Interment Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours were Tuesday, March 23rd from 4-8 p.m. Memorial donations in Irene's name may be made to the Wilmington Senior Citizens Center, 15 School St., Wilmington, MA 01887.

Tewksbury First Baptist Church sponsors...

## Wellness workshops - free to the public

TEWKSBURY - A Community Outreach program is being hosted by the Tewksbury First Baptist Church.

In light of the current economic climate and health-care reform bills being tossed around, nobody seems to feel very secure about the future of health care. Health care costs are out of sight, but there are ways that we all can help to bring down our own costs and increase our health.

In January the Tewksbury First Baptist Church had the privilege of hearing its own Pastor, Kirk Byron Jones, speak about leaving emotional baggage behind and moving on to take charge of our health. Also speaking was Dr. Deborah A. Fudge, a Methuen chiropractor and specialist in health and wellness education on the power of writing down your dreams

and goals.

In February, American Heart Month, the Tewksbury First Baptist Church hosted a workshop on steps to take to preserve life in emergency situations until the first emergency responders arrive presented by Dr. Steven R. Sciuto, also a Methuen chiropractor as well as a long-time volunteer physician to the American Red Cross, the Pan-Mass Challenge and several other sporting events. Dr. Steve is also a certified CPR instructor trainer. Kathleen Laferriere, RN, BSN, CCRN, Lowell General Hospital Cardiac Health Educator at the Center for Community Health and Wellness came and spoke about heart disease; what it is, how to prevent it, and how to know if you are at risk for it.

These Workshops are ongoing. The following is a sched-

ule of upcoming events:

March 27: Using Yoga for a healthy mind, body and spirit. Jean Perrault, founder of the Yoga Mat in Methuen, will speak about reducing stress through Yoga and even teach some basic Yoga positions. (Bring your yoga mat!)

April 24: Patti Park, a Licensed Massage Therapist, will come and speak about the health benefits of massage therapy. There will be a drawing for a free 15-minute chair massage!

May 22: Lt. Randolph Humphrey of the Lowell Police Department will do a workshop on Personal Safety - Protecting Yourself and Your Loved Ones as well as your personal property.

June 19: Once again, Dr. Deborah A. Fudge will speak on the subject of Childhood Obesity. Childhood Obesity has become an epidemic in the United States and is a pet

project of the First Lady, Michelle Obama. Dr. Fudge will teach what can be done to help our kids stay fit and healthy for life.

Remember, all of these workshops are FREE to the public! Light refreshments will be served and there will be a box to receive any donation you wish to make. Please send an email to [wellworks.fbc@gmail.com](mailto:wellworks.fbc@gmail.com) with your name, phone number and workshop that you wish to attend so that ample refreshments may be provided and to assure that adequate space will be available. Anyone without access to email may call the church office at 978-851-6575 and leave the pertinent information on the voicemail or with the church Administrative Assistant.

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Grace Mullens, Carol Hulburt, Terri Marciello and Maureen Fiorenza served the St. Patrick's Day lunch sponsored by Peter McLellan at the Buzzell Senior Center in Wilmington.

## Learn about freemasonry

Wamesit Masonic Lodge to hold open house this Saturday

TEWKSBURY - The Freemasons across Massachusetts will be opening their doors to host a state-wide open house to inform the public about freemasonry. The Wamesit Masonic Lodge, located at 70 Victor Drive in Tewksbury, will hold an open house from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 27.

Freemasonry is the world's oldest and largest men's fraternity and it is also America's oldest fraternity and charitable organization. Thirteen signers of the Constitution and fourteen Presidents of the United States, including George Washington, were Freemasons.

The origins of Freemasonry are rooted in the guilds of stonemasons, who built the castles and cathedrals during the middle ages. The tools and objects used by stonemasons have been adapted as symbols in the ceremonies of

modern Freemasonry to teach moral lessons. Known worldwide as a symbol of character, charity and friendship, the Square and Compasses design is the emblem of every Masonic lodge.

Today, Freemasonry is a fraternity that brings together good men from various political, social, ethnic and religious backgrounds to work to improve themselves and their communities in the spirit of brotherly love, relief and truth. There are more than two million Freemasons in North America alone, 45,000 of which are Massachusetts Freemasons.

"Square & Compasses Day" gives the public an opportunity to learn more about Masonry. Although many have heard of the organization, few are aware of the charitable contribution to society or the unbroken tradition of great men who have

changed the world in many fields of endeavor. Benjamin Franklin, Thurgood Marshall, John Glenn, Winston Churchill, George C. Marshall, Danny Thomas, Henry Ford, Cy Young, Buzz Aldrin, Franklin D. and Theodore Roosevelt and General Douglas MacArthur, for example, all joined the Masons prior to achieving the successes for which they are recognized. There are countless other great men whose names are not widely known, who have made their communities a better place. Many of these men are the fathers, grandfathers, friends, and co-workers of people in and around your own community.

Come down to the Lodge and learn about this ancient fraternity that is steeped in mystery and medieval history and referenced in so many recent books and movies. Take a tour of the Lodge and learn about Masonic history in Tewksbury

and Massachusetts; meet and talk to members and ask questions.

You are cordially invited to visit on "Square & Compasses Day," Saturday, March 27, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., for coffee and muffins and to ask questions - you may be surprised at what you'll learn.

## Finegold announces bid for Senate

ANDOVER - Barry Finegold has made official his run for the Second Essex and Middlesex Senate seat.

"I have a lifetime of public service, as well as private business experience that I will draw upon in the Senate. I have been a relentless advocate for many of the people of this district in the Legislature and many of them know me - those who do, know that I have the courage to stand up for constituents, the integrity to do the job right and the work ethic to ensure the job gets done," said Finegold. He continued, "I will bring a commonsense approach to government and job creation and I will continue my record as an independent voice for the people of Tewksbury, Lawrence, Dracut and Andover."

Barry Finegold began his career of public service in 1996 when he was elected to the Andover Board of Selectmen. He was then elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1997, where he has continued to serve the 17th Essex

District. Taking classes at night, Representative Finegold built on his undergraduate degree from Franklin and Marshall College and graduated from the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover. He was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1998. Finegold is presently a partner with the law firm of Dalton & Finegold, LLP. The Representative also holds a Masters in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

On Beacon Hill, Representative Finegold has long been an advocate of green technology and has worked hard on issues ranging from the Safe Havens Act to the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Road Map. Representative Finegold was recently appointed to the Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. He lives with his wife Amy and two young daughters in Andover, MA.

## Krissy Polimeno FOR School Committee

Krissy Polimeno welcomes the opportunity to serve the children, parents, school staff and Tewksbury community.

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- Krissy will invest her time to better understand and address Tewksbury residents' concerns about our educational system.

### Leadership

- Krissy has always welcomed leadership roles, including her current position as Chairperson of the Dewing PAC.
- Krissy has a proven record of strong leadership. She held leadership roles during her eight year tenure at Medical Information Technology, Inc. (MEDITECH). Krissy has a degree in education and has experience as a teacher.

### Commitment

- Krissy and her husband Phil are proud parents of three school aged children. Krissy is committed to advancing the educational opportunities for all students in the Tewksbury Public Schools.
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the normal call of duty to make the community a better place in which to live. The only requirement is that this person may not be a politician.

If you know of someone who deserves this award, please let the Good Guy Committee know. When you submit your nomination, please let the Committee know the reasons

why you feel this individual should be honored. Send your nominations to: The "Good Guy" Committee, c/o Bob DiPalma, 12 Harold Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887. If you wish to email your nomination, send it to: wilmsington-goodguy@verizon.net.

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## Tewksbury Police Log

March 15

12:17 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1527 Main Street.

John H. Machado, 76, of 90 Sprague Avenue, Lowell, was arrested at 580 Shawshen Street and was charged with disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a police officer, failure to produce license/registration/plates, and resisting arrest.

Tuesday, March 16

5:27 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Andover Street and Sheridan Lane.

6:18 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1680 Main Street.

6:45 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Lake Street.

6:49 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 25 Hood Road.

6:55 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Lake Street.

7:00 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 2341 Main Street.

4:42 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 2119 Main

Monday,

Street.

6:18 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Hill Street.

Wednesday, March 17

8:30 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 896 Main Street.

9:18 a.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Michael Street.

9:43 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Shawshen Street.

10:15 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Livingston Street.

3:35 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Archstone Avenue.

11:31 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 411 Trull Road.

Kenneth W. McLaughlin, 20, of 11 Dirlam Lane, Tewksbury, was arrested at 918 Main Street on the basis of two warrants.

Bernard Mugo, 41, of 1949 Middlesex Street, Lowell, was arrested at 450 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

Carol Newell, 44, of 1320 South Street, Tewksbury, was arrested on Geiger Drive on the basis of a warrant.

Friday, March 19

5:55 p.m. A motor vehicle-

related accident occurred at the intersection of North Street and East Street.

6:44 p.m. An unlocked motor vehicle parked at a 2297 Main Street business was burglarized.

Juan Ayala, 42, of 52 Farnham Street, Lawrence, was arrested on Jodi Drive and was charged with distributing a Class A drug, subsequent offense, conspiracy to violate drug law, a drug violation near school/park, and resisting arrest.

Brian Gauthier, 43, of 104 Eleventh Street, Lowell, was arrested at 995 Andover Street on the basis of a warrant.

Peter J. Marquez, 23, of 10 Brookfield Street, Lawrence, was arrested at 95 Main Street and charged with conspiracy to violate drug law, distributing a Class A drug and possession to distribute a Class B drug.

Alicea Roberto Nieves, 32, of 23 Grace Drive, Nashua, NH, was arrested on Jodi Drive on the basis of a warrant and was charged with distributing a Class A drug, subsequent offense, conspiracy to violate drug law, and a drug violation near school/park.

Juis G. Sanchez, 20, of 1500 Theriot Avenue, Bronx, NY, was arrested at 95 Main Street and was charged with conspiracy to violate drug law, distributing a Class A drug and possession to distribute a Class B drug.

Saturday, March 20

6:46 a.m. Malicious damage to property was reported by a resident of Seneca Road.

9:17 a.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Whipple Road.

11:54 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Main Street.

12:37 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Shawshen Street.

David Hague, 45, of 1039 Main Street, Tewksbury, was arrested in the vicinity of 1035 Main Street and was charged with violating an abuse prevention order.

Sunday, March 22

2:30 p.m. A vehicle parked at a residence on Geiger Drive damaged maliciously.

Mariano Marroquin, 25, of 8 Clifton Avenue, Salem, was arrested at 1229 Main Street and was charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle



## Wilmington Police Log

Monday,

7:24 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Federal Street.

4:13 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Woburn Street.

8:28 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Main Street.

Kenneth McLaughlin, 20, of 11 Dirlam Circle in Tewksbury, was arrested on Avalon Drive on the basis of a warrant.

Thursday, March 18

12:48 a.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Patches Pond Lane.

Pascal Renee Kermarrec, 33, of 18 Patches Pond Lane in Wilmington, was arrested at his home and was charged with assault and battery.

7:11 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Deming Way.

7:29 a.m. A residential mailbox on Hobson Avenue was damaged maliciously overnight.

8:40 a.m. Police assisted in resolving a dispute between neighbors of Grove Avenue.

8:45 a.m. A hit-and-run motor vehicle-related accident involving a pedestrian occurred on Carter Lane at the West Intermediate School. The pedestrian sustained a scratch on the leg and remained in school. The operator of the vehicle was located and was issued a summons for leaving the scene of an accident involving personal injury.

1:59 p.m. A hit-and-run motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Jefferson Road.

3:27 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Main Street.

Friday, March 19

10:50 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 500 Salem Street.

2:35 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Glen Road.

3:36 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 99 Chestnut Street.

8:34 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Lincoln Street.

Saturday, March 20

10:44 a.m. Malicious damage to property was reported by a resident of Shady Lane Drive.

11:42 a.m. Malicious damage to property was reported by a business on Middlesex Avenue.

3:04 p.m. Police responded to a report of a fight occurring on Richmond Street.

5:10 p.m. Police responded to a report that a motorist intentionally ran over a bicycle in the parking lot of McDonalds Restaurant, located on Main Street.

Kathy Hajinlian, 48, of 6 Beard Road in Billerica, was arrested on Shawshen Avenue and was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, assault and battery on a police officer, disturbing the peace, resisting arrest, and failing to stay within marked lanes of travel.

Sunday, March 21

2:30 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred on Nicholls Street.

David Scibilia, 26, of 138 Virginia Avenue in Lowell, was arrested at the scene and was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and negligently operating a motor vehicle.

3:59 a.m. Police responded to a report of a male being punched in the face by his girlfriend while they were driving on Sheridan Road. The girlfriend stated that the wounds were self-inflicted while she was driving.

8:18 a.m. Malicious damage to property was reported by a resident of Shady Lane Drive.

11:51 a.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Agostino Drive.

12:53 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 205 Main Street.

2:45 p.m. Police responded to a report of several youths attempting to enter a vacant house on Burt Road.

5:07 p.m. Malicious damage to property was reported by a resident of Shady Lane Drive.

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# Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

## Library offers Technology Programs

### Adult Programs

Please register on the Calendar of Events for the following programs at [www.wilmlibrary.org](http://www.wilmlibrary.org) or call 978-694-2099.

### Technology Series

(Please note; the following programs are lectures not a hands-on workshops.)

#### Introduction to Facebook

**Tuesday, April 6, 7pm**  
Are your friends and family telling you, "You should get on Facebook," but you don't know how it works? Alicia Verno, Head of Technical Services at the library, will be presenting an overview of Facebook and the benefits of using this ever-growing social networking site. Topics covered will include how to get an account and set up your profile, how to find friends and family, useful tools on Facebook, and how to make sure your information stays secure.

#### Introduction to LinkedIn

**Tuesday, April 20, 7pm**  
Are you recently out of work or looking to make a career change? Want to connect with current and past co-workers? Have a question for other professionals in your field? LinkedIn can help! Alicia Verno, Head of Technical Services, will be presenting an overview seminar on this professionally-focused social networking site. The presentation will include setting up an account and adding your professional history, finding people you know to add to your "network," and how LinkedIn can be used to help you advance professionally.

#### Using Computers to Manage Your Personal Finance

**Wednesday, May 5, 7pm**  
Buying a house? A car? Just trying to keep up with your budget and expenses? Whether deciding the best mortgage for you, to buy or lease that car, to take the 0% finance or the rebate, of just staying on top of bills and payments, let your computer and the Internet make life a lot easier for you. Haim Levkowitz, Professor of Computer Science, at UMass Lowell, will show you some of the wonderful features computers have that can help you deal with every aspect of your finances.

#### Protecting Your Personal Information Online

**Wednesday, May 19, 7pm**  
If you attended the previous talk, or otherwise got convinced that using the Internet can make your life easier and more fun, you should learn how to protect your privacy and sensitive information from the eyes and hands of those who have no business seeing or touching it. Haim Levkowitz, Professor of Computer Science, at UMass Lowell will talk about phishing, safe vs. unsafe online

shopping, virtual credit cards, the right amount of personal data exposure on social networks, viruses and other type of "malware", and other threats in cyberspace. In all of these we will learn how to recognize attacks, and how to defend against them before (best) and while they happen.

#### Gardening Series Tree Care

**Thursday, April 8, 7pm.**  
Elaine England of New England Nurseries of Bedford will present a program on planting and caring for trees and shrubs. Deer resistant techniques will be included in the presentation. Sponsored by the Wilmington Garden Club.

#### Book Discussion Animal, Vegetable, Miracle

**Monday April 12, 7pm.**  
Please join us for an open book discussion of Barbara Kingsolver's bestselling book *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*. Reserve your book online at [www.wilmlibrary.org](http://www.wilmlibrary.org) or call the library at 978-694-2099.

#### Organic Gardening and Lawn Care

**Thursday, April 22, 7pm.**  
Donald Bishop from Gardens Are Inc. will present a program about organic gardening and lawn care. Learn something new and help your community go green. Funded by the Friends of the Library.

#### Teen Zone News

Register for programs online at [www.wilmlibrary.org](http://www.wilmlibrary.org) "Calendar of Events" or by visiting or calling (978) 694-2098.

#### Teen Tech Bingo: Learn Create Share

**March 1-March 31**  
Play Teen Tech Bingo! View the card and rules at <http://www.wilmlibrary.org/teens/TeenTechWeek10.html>. Fill in at least one row or column to win a prize, and whoever fills in the most spaces wins the grand prize! Teen Tech Week (March 7-13, 2010) is a national initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). The purpose of the initiative is to ensure that teens are competent and ethical users of technologies, especially those that are offered through libraries.

#### Hands-On Healthy Cooking for Teens

**Thursday April 1, 6pm**  
Registration required  
Nutritionist Anna Tourkakakis will teach you how to make Lettuce Wraps with a chicken filling, an Italian Bread Salad, and Crepes with a fruit and chocolate filling. Discuss nutritious food choices and take the recipes home with you to create a healthy meal on your own. Funded by the Friends of the Library.

#### Teen Fantasy Gaming

**Tuesday, April 13, 3pm**

Whether you play Magic: The Gathering, Dungeons & Dragons, or something else, join this popular gaming group and be part of a self-contained fantasy game.

#### Children's Programs

Register for programs online at [www.wilmlibrary.org](http://www.wilmlibrary.org) "Calendar of Events" or by visiting or calling the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098.

#### Up & Down--

**Singing and Moving with Young Children as They Grow Towards Literacy**  
**Monday, March 29, 7-8:30 pm**

Registration required  
Songs, rhymes and movement are essential and fun components of early childhood development. As babies and young children learn to focus their listening and express themselves in music, language, imaginary play and shared human experience, they prepare themselves for reading and learning throughout their lives. Jump into the joy of songs and fingerplays sure to delight children ages infant to three years. Presenter Betsy Zahniser, Early Childhood Music Specialist, author of *The Music Box: Songs, Rhymes, and Games for Young Children* ([www.elzpublishing.com](http://www.elzpublishing.com)), will get parents, caregivers, teachers and children's librarians singing and moving with new songs and a list of resources to help you enjoy making music a bigger part of your child's life. Betsy is a Professional Development Program (PDP) presenter. Funded by the Friends of the Library.

#### Book Discussion for Ages 7 & Older

**Judy Moody & Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt** by Megan McDonald

**Friday, April 9, 3:30 pm**  
When the Moody family drops anchor on "Artichoke" Island, they are greeted by the mysterious Cap'n Weevil, a one-eyed buccaneer with a scraggly beard and a treasure map. Before you can say "Davy Jones's Locker", Stink and Judy are racing in search of gold. But they're not the only salty dogs lookin' for loot. Can Mad Molly and Scurvy Stink beat out their rivals--Tall Boy and Smart Girl? Not unless they can find the hidden clues, crack the secret codes and solve the tricky puzzles--before time runs out! Aaarrr!! Drop-in for this discussion of Megan McDonald's book *Judy Moody & Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt*. Copies of the book may be reserved by visiting or calling the Children's Room. A door prize and snack will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

#### Book Discussion for Ages

#### 9 & Older

**The Hobbit**, by J.R.R. Tolkien

**Friday, April 16, 3:30 pm**  
"In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit. Not a nasty, dirty, wet hole, filled with the ends of worms and an oozy smell, nor yet a dry, bare, sandy hole with nothing in it to sit down on or to eat: it was a hobbit-hole, and that means comfort." So begins the masterpiece of fantasy, *The Hobbit*, by J.R.R. Tolkien, the story of one hobbit, Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, who lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return. Drop in for the discussion. Copies of the book may be reserved by visiting or calling the Children's Room. A door prize and snack will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

#### Children's Movie Night

**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel**  
**Monday, April 5, 6:30 pm**

Drop-in with something comfortable to sit on, if desired. Free popcorn and lemonade will be served. Rated: PG.

#### Library Story

**Library Story**  
Anyone wanting to submit a library story highlighting how the Wilmington Memorial Library has helped them in any way or why they enjoy visiting the library should email the story to Library Director Tina Stewart at [tstewart@mvlc.org](mailto:tstewart@mvlc.org). They can also mail it (175 Middlesex Avenue) or drop it off at the library.

The following letter was sent by Krista Brown to Susan MacDonald, Children's Librarian: Dear Ms. McDonald:

Thank you so much for the wonderful experience I had at the "All You Can Read Buffet." It was so much fun. It is an awesome opportunity to meet friends who are readers too.

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**T E W K S - BURY/WILMINGTON** - The Shriners Circus is coming to the Shriners Auditorium in Wilmington on Wednesday April 21, 2010 and free tickets are available to military members and their families. The 7:00 p.m. show is dedicated to honor the service and sacrifice of all military personnel.

For free tickets, please contact Vinnie Oliva, Tewksbury Veterans Foreign Wars at 978-618-7946. This year veterans agents are working with the USO-New England in an effort to publicize this special show.

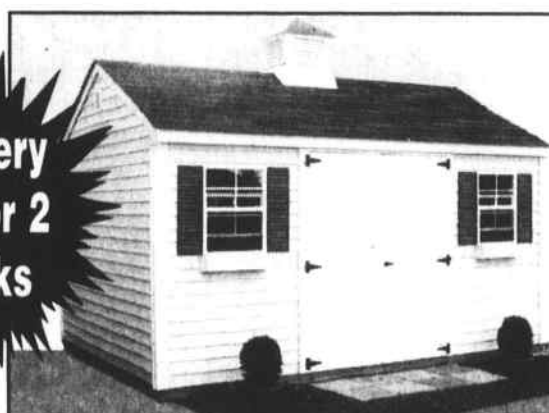
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WHS Junior Melissa Preziosi provided art lessons to members of the Buzzell Senior Center in Wilmington, helping her earn merit for her Gold Award, like Stan Dancewicz, Jr. The Gold Award is the highest rank in Girl Scouting.

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**Richards named to Dean's List**

NEWPORT, RI - Courtney Richards of Tewksbury, a junior at Salve Regina University, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2009 semester.

To qualify for the Dean's List, full-time students must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.5 without receiving

a grade below a 'B' in that semester. A Catholic, co-educational institution, Salve Regina was founded in 1947 by the Religious Sisters of Mercy. Its 75-acre campus borders the famed Cliff Walk in Newport's historic Ochre Point/Bellevue Avenue neighborhood.

**Karalekas named to Dean's List**

VILLANOVA, PA - Anthony Karalekas, from Wilmington, has been named to the Dean's List for the 2009 fall semester in the Villanova School of Business (Villanova, Pa.). Anthony is a senior.

Every year, students with established outstanding academic records are honored by the dean of each college. To qualify for the Dean's List in the Villanova School of Business, one must be a matriculated full-time student and earn a semester grade point average of 3.5, with no missing or non-passing grades.

Villanova University, a co-educational Roman Catholic institution, was founded by the Order of Saint Augustine in 1842. A premier institution of higher education, Villanova provides a comprehensive education rooted in the liberal arts; a shared commitment to the Augustinian ideals of truth, unity and love; and a community dedicated to service to others. A wide variety of undergraduate and graduate degree programs are offered through the University's four colleges: the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Villanova School of Business, the College of Engineering and the College of Nursing, as well as the Villanova School of Law. With a total enrollment that surpasses 10,000 undergraduate, graduate and law students, Villanova is the oldest and largest Catholic university in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. On the web: <http://www.villanova.edu>.

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Begin your day with a guided motorcoach tour of Boston highlighting historic locations associated with one of Massachusetts' "First Families." Some walking is involved.

Tour the JFK National Historic Site in Brookline, birthplace of America's 35th President.

Enjoy a relaxing luncheon in a private room at Phillips Old Colony House. Your full luncheon includes tossed green salad, entrée choice of Boston Schrod with Herb

Bread Crumbs or Sliced Roast Sirloin, mashed potatoes, sautéed vegetables, vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce, and coffee or tea.

After lunch the group will visit the JFK Presidential Library & Museum before returning to Wilmington.

Trip cost of \$70 includes the motorcoach transportation, guided motorcoach tour, admissions to the JFK National Historic Site and the JFK Presidential Library, luncheon at Phillips Old Colony House, and all taxes, tips and gratuities (except the driver and guide).

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**Wilmington Town Clerk**

**Last day to register to vote**

WILMINGTON - The last day for Wilmington residents to register to vote in the upcoming Annual Town Election and the Annual Town Meeting is Friday, April 2, 2010. The Town Clerk's

office will be open for voter registration until 8:00 p.m. for the Annual Town Election and Town Meeting. Please call 978-658-2030 for information.

**Gettler makes Dean's List at Berklee College of Music**

BOSTON - Berklee College of Music announces that Joe Gettler of Wilmington has earned placement on the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2009 academic year. To be eligible for this honor, a full-time student must achieve a grade point average of 3.4 or above; a part-time student must achieve a grade point average of 3.6 or above.

The Berklee curriculum focuses on practical career preparation for today's music industry. Four-year degrees are offered in Performance, Jazz Composition, Music Production & Engineering, Film Scoring, Music Business/Management, Composition, Music Synthesis, Contemporary Writing & Production, Music

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**Emmanuel College Dean's List**

BOSTON - Emmanuel College in Boston recently announced recipients of Dean's List awards for the fall 2009 semester, which included local student Kristen M. Breslin of Wilmington. Students earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher are awarded the distinction of Dean's List.

Emmanuel College, founded by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in 1919, is a coed, residential, Catholic liberal

arts and sciences college located in the heart of the city of Boston. Its beautiful 17-acre campus is neighbored by a world-class medical center, two major art museums and Fenway Park. Its unique location allows students and faculty opportunities to explore real world experiences through internships, research and strategic partnerships within the Longwood Medical area and the city of Boston.



Pines of Tewksbury resident Alice Monahan enjoyed the birthday party for friend Angelina Pastorello at The Pines of Tewksbury.

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## Knights of Columbus Poker Tournament this Saturday

**WILMINGTON** - The Wilmington Knights of Columbus will hold a No-Limit Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament this Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington. Registration (\$100 Buy-In) for the tournament, which opens at 12:30 p.m. in the afternoon. There will be music, raffles and a cash bar available to round out the

evening. The Knights of Columbus are conducting this fundraising event to contribute to monies raised to local charitable organizations.

For more information or to register early for this event, please contact Jared Constantino at 978-758-6457 or Michael Senarian at 978-815-7784.

## Wilmington Historical Commission Wilmington's Maple Fest

**WILMINGTON** - Have you ever wondered how maple syrup is made? Join the Wilmington Historical Commission as Breakheart Reservation brings its Traveling Sugar Shack to Wilmington on Sunday, March 28, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Town Museum at the Col. Joshua Harnden Tavern.

Demonstrations will include a history of maple sugaring

in New England, identification of maple trees in the winter, tree tapping techniques, and sap boiling.

While you're there, sample real maple syrup!

This program is sponsored by the Wilmington Historical Commission with thanks to Breakheart Reservation of Saugus and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.



The Tewksbury Memorial High School ECHO Club (Earth, Culture and Humanities) is wrapping up another successful year of service. This year over 80 students were registered members and participated in the events. Our annual American Red Cross Blood drive was a huge success once again. Over 80 students signed up to give blood and participate in this event. Spending the day registering students, and assisting the Red Cross nurses and donors, the ECHO Club members once again contributed to a significant cause. Front row: Kate Larson, Taylor Forgione, Siobhan Coleman, Hannah Sedgwick Back row: Erin Tibbets, Ashley Hebert, Kerri Stuart, Priya Kanjia, Kathryn Anzouni, Katie Richardson, Kelsey Parker

## Kinder Soccer program about to begin!

**WILMINGTON** - Just like the big kids, it is soccer season for you, too! The spring session of Kinder Soccer is about to begin. This five-week program for Wilmington children ages 4 and 5 (not yet in Kindergarten) will be held in the North Intermediate Gymnasium on Saturday mornings from April 10 - May 15, with no class on April 24.

This introductory program combines skills and drills to provide a fun, educational environment. There are still spots available in the 8:30 - 9:20 a.m., 9:30 - 10:20 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. classes. For the child that will be age five by August 31, 2010, and has already taken Kinder Soccer, we have a new program called "Just for Kicks". This class, from 11:30 a.m. -

12:20 p.m. will include skills such as dribbling and shooting, as well as some scrimmaging.

Cost for either program is \$35. To register, stop by the Recreation Department, Town Hall, Room 8, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For additional information, call (978) 658-4270.



## WILMINGTON SCHOOLS March 29 - April 2

**Boutwell & Wildwood**  
Monday: Chicken Patty on a roll, corn, pears

Tuesday: Cheese stuffed bread stick with marinara sauce, sweet peas, peaches  
Wednesday: Waffle sticks w/ syrup, sausage, juice, strawberries

Thursday: April Fools Day: Popcorn chicken, whipped potato, carrots, whole wheat roll, mixed fruit, cookie  
Friday: no school

**Elementary:**

Monday: Chicken Patty on a roll, corn, pears

Tuesday: Cheese stuffed bread stick with marinara sauce, sweet peas, peaches

Wednesday: Sub day: Turkey & cheese sub or Italian sub, lett., tomato, pickle, Cape Cod reduced fat potato chips, orange wedges

Thursday: April Fools Day: North & West: Officer Julie's "No Fooling fav: Buffalo chicken tenders or chicken tenders, garlic noodles, fresh broccoli, mixed fruit.

Shaw & Woburn: chicken tenders, garlic noodles, fresh broccoli, mixed fruit.  
Friday: No School

**Middle School**

Monday: Chicken Patty on a roll, corn, pears

Tuesday: Turkey club sub, lett, tomato, pasta salad, Cape Cod reduced fat potato chips, peaches

Wednesday: Pasta w/ meatballs, tomato sauce, garlic bread, green beans, apple

Thursday: Buffalo chicken tenders or chicken tenders, garlic noodles, fresh broccoli, mixed fruit.  
Friday: No school

**High School**

Monday: Monday: Chicken Patty on a roll, corn, pears

Tuesday: Roll-ups made to order, lett., tomato, pickles, Cape Cod reduced fat potato chips, peaches

Wednesday: Chicken pot pie, whipped potato, whole wheat roll, mixed fruit

Thursday: Buffalo chicken tenders or chicken tenders, garlic noodles, fresh broccoli,

mixed fruit.

Friday: No school

## TEWKSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS March 29 - April 2

**Grades K - 4**

Monday: Meatball sub, veg of the day, potato wedges, RF cookie fruit or juice, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken rings, tater tots, buttered carrots, dinner roll, fruit or fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday: Spaghetti w/ meatsauce, seasoned vegs., garlic roll, fruit or juice, milk.  
Thursday: , fruit or juice, milk.

Friday: , fruit or juice, milk  
**Ryan / Wynn/ High schools**

Monday: Meatball sub, veg of the day, potato wedges, RF cookie fruit or juice, milk.

Tuesday: Macaroni & cheese, Caesar salad w/ croutons, dinner roll, fruit or fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast for lunch: Assorted pancakes / french toast, sausage patty, hash brown sticks juice, milk

Thursday: fruit or juice, milk.  
Friday: fruit or juice, milk

## Westfield State Deans List

**WESTFIELD** - Westfield State College in Westfield, MA, has recently named the following local students to the Dean's List of the fall 2009 semester:

\* Jill Martel, of Tewksbury, who is currently majoring in Liberal Studies.

\* Alycia Maffeo, of Tewksbury, who is currently majoring in Movement Science.

\* Sarah Boudreau, of Tewksbury, who is currently majoring in Elementary Education.

\* Brianna Welch, of Tewksbury, who is currently majoring in Psychology.

\* Hadley Santos, of Tewksbury, who is currently majoring in Movement Science.

\* Nicole Post, of Tewksbury, who is currently majoring in Elementary Education.

\* Andrea Corriveau, of Tewksbury, who is currently majoring in Undeclared.

\* Lisa Policelli, of Tewksbury, who is currently majoring in Movement Science.

\* Erin Leonard, of Tewksbury, who is currently majoring in Undeclared.

\* Bridget Costello, of Tewksbury, who is currently majoring in Business Management.

\* Anna Doten, of Wilmington, who is currently majoring in Art.

\* Michelle Brown, of Wilmington, who is currently majoring in Undeclared.

\* Jennifer Comer, of Wilmington, who is currently majoring in Movement Science.

\* Kristen Browne, of Wilmington, who is currently majoring in Undeclared.

\* Ashley Poirier, of Wilmington, who is currently

majoring in Special Education.

\* Peter Rastellini, \*of Wilmington, who is currently majoring in Criminal Justice.

\* Matthew Ruggiero, of Wilmington, who is currently majoring in Psychology.

\* Jill Manganelli, of Wilmington, who is currently majoring in Elementary Education.

\* Matthew Derian, of Wilmington, who is currently majoring in Undeclared.

\* Louis Cimaglia, of Wilmington, who is currently majoring in Communication.

\* Ryan Loring, of Wilmington, who is currently majoring in Special Education.

\* Elizabeth Boland, of Wilmington, who is currently majoring in Elementary Education.

\* Krista Murphy, of Wilmington, who is currently majoring in Movement Science.

To received Dean's List status, a student must complete a 12-hour semester with a GPA of at least 3.3 (B+), and have no incomplete grades.

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## Friendship Lodge Open House

Saturday, March 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WILMINGTON - The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts A.F. & A.M. has designated Saturday, March 27, 2010, as Square and Compasses Day. Over 230 Masonic lodges throughout the state will be hosting Open Houses to help the public gain a better understanding of what Freemasonry is, and the positive impact that is has on its members, their families, and the community. Members

will provide tours of their building, talk about Freemasonry's history, discuss its rituals, signs, and symbols, and explain what they do.

Friendship Lodge, located at 32 Church St. in Wilmington, would like to invite the public to visit the lodge building and meet with its members from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For anyone familiar with the Wilmington area, you have undoubtedly driven past this unique, one 120 year-old building with the dual roof turrets countless times. This is an excellent opportunity to satisfy your curiosity about what Freemasonry is and what a Masonic lodge room looks like.

Freemasonry is the oldest fraternal organization in the United States and represents a 277 year unbroken tradition of its members practicing the ideals of brotherly love, truth and relief. In modern context, these principle values of Freemasonry are more commonly identified by the ideas of treating others as you would like them to treat you,

moral and honest way and aiding in the charitable relief of people less fortunate than yourself.

Freemasons trace their roots to the stonemason guilds that built Europe's cathedrals and castles during the early part of the last millennium. As construction of these buildings declined, they began accepting members from outside their trade. These new members, influenced by the "Age of Enlightenment," transformed the organization from a group for builders to one focused on developing the character of its members. Freemasonry was formally organized in London, England in 1717. In 1733 it was formally organized in Massachusetts, making it the oldest Masonic group in the Western Hemisphere and the third oldest in the world. In 2008, Massachusetts Freemasons celebrated their 275th Anniversary.

Collectively, Masonic organizations in the United States donate more than three million dollars per day to charity, most notably the Shriners Hospitals for Children. In twenty-two national and international locations, children up to the age of eighteen with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate are eligible for admission and receive all care in a family-centered environment at no charge. This relief is provided regardless of financial need or ties to Freemasonry.

"The 2010 Spring Open House is a great opportunity for anyone interested in learning more about Freemasonry to meet and talk with Masons in their community," said Roger W. Pageau, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts and the presiding officer of 38,000 members. "Although many have heard of us, very few are aware that for over 275 years we have been part of an unbroken tradition of great men who have changed our world in ways both big and small. Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Thurgood Marshall, and John Glenn, for example, all joined the Masons prior to achieving the greatness we recognize them for. There are countless other great men, whose names are not widely known, that made their families, workplaces, and communities better because they were Masons. I warmly invite the public to join us on March 27th."

For many generations, the principle values of Freemasonry have been held dear by millions of men, regardless of their religion, social status or political views. Please visit the Friendship Lodge on Saturday the 27th to learn more about how you can help to carry on these noble ideals. You can also visit the Friendship Lodge website at [www.friendshipmm.com](http://www.friendshipmm.com) to obtain additional information about our lodge history as well as current lodge activities.



Jack Menard, Joshua Astuti and Kristen Pincanco with Lindsay Flathers from MythMasters. MythMasters visited the Trahan School last Wednesday with a lesson in Greek Mythology.

## Wilmington Sons of Italy Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

WILMINGTON - The Wilmington Sons of Italy presents the Sixth Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. This annual event has quickly become a cherished tradition for Wilmington families.

Donation of \$7, with children under age 3 free, covers

the cost of breakfast.

The menu includes scrambled eggs, French toast sticks, hash brown potato patties, sausage patties, mini muffins, juice and coffee.

For a small donation, children will have the opportunity to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny.

All proceeds will benefit the Wilmington Relay for Life.

The breakfast takes place on Sunday, March 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus Hall. Deadline for purchasing tickets is March 22. Call Charlie DeStafano at 978-658-5598 for tickets.

## Local Realtor Karen Dame honored for outstanding service and results

WILMINGTON - Local Realtor Karen Dame of Century 21 Starwood, a division of Century 21 Spindler & O'Neil, in Wilmington, has been honored by Century 21 International with the outstanding production achievement of attaining Masters Award level in addition to the Quality Service Producer Award, for 2009.

In making the announcement, Century 21 President & CEO Thomas Kunz said "You have demonstrated your commitment and dedication to the Century 21 System, and have proven that consistency and hard work assure remarkable results." Kunz continued, "Your superior customer service and loyalty is unsurpassed, and widely recognized."

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Associates added, "On behalf of all of Karen's co-workers at Century 21, I commend Karen's efforts and recognize the hard work and talent needed to succeed in today's

market. Not only is she doing high production, but she is doing it right as evidenced by Karen's dedication to communication and regularly stating in touch with her Buyers and Sellers. Karen's clients appreciate her ability to explain all the details as well as resolve and manage the complex issues that can arise during any real estate transaction."

Karen's been listing and selling real estate for 10 years, consistently earning Top Producer status for all 10 years. Karen looks forward to assisting with the real estate needs of new and old friends alike during 2010. Karen can be reached at Century 21 Starwood 978-657-8444 or online at [Karen.Dame@century21.com](http://Karen.Dame@century21.com).

## Wilmington Town Clerk Passport Night

WILMINGTON - The Town Clerk's office will be open Friday, April 2, 2010 for the processing of Passports. Please call 978-658-2030 for

questions and information. The cost of Passports will be going up in price sometime during the month of May.

## Austin Preparatory School Honor Roll

READING - Austin Preparatory School Headmaster Mr. Paul Moran is proud to announce the following local students made the honor roll for the second quarter of the 2009-2010 academic year. Distinction indicates no grade lower than A- and Honors indicates no grade lower than B-.

### TEWKSBURY

**Distinction**  
Dana Chaykovsky, Grade 9  
Trevor Parece, Grade 8  
**Honors**  
Christopher Caron, Grade 7  
Cassidy Cohan, Grade 7  
Nicole Confalone, Grade 10  
Zachary Countie, Grade 12  
Sean Derrah, Grade 8  
Bianca Enos, Grade 9  
Jaclyn Fulton, Grade 11  
Nena Giandomenico, Grade 8  
Alexandra Henning, Grade 12  
Megan Johnson, Grade 12  
Amanda Lenkauskas, Grade 10  
Shannon O'Neil, Grade 9  
Benjamin Tan, Grade 11  
John Taveras, Grade 7

Taylor Bosco, Grade 6  
Ronald DiTullio, Grade 12  
Elizabeth McDermott, Grade 9  
Nupur Neogi, Grade 6  
Emily Rakers, Grade 6  
Rachel Saloman, Grade 12  
Lexi Tamburello, Grade 7  
**Honors**  
Eugenia Ameral, Grade 11  
Katharine Bray, Grade 10  
Sydney Brennan, Grade 6  
Anthony Bruce, Grade 11  
Nicole Cherubino, Grade 12  
Maryanna DiRupo, Grade 8  
Nicholas DiStefano, Grade 8  
Lindsay Farrell, Grade 6  
Kelly Flaherty, Grade 11  
Kendra Harrington, Grade 9  
Sarah Klucznik, Grade 6  
Nicholas Luise, Grade 10  
Casey MacDonald, Grade 8  
Victoria McDermott, Grade 6  
MaryBeth McMahon, Grade 12  
Marisa Melanson, Grade 11  
Courtney Murphy, Grade 6  
Lisa Nguyen, Grade 12  
Sarah Rakers, Grade 8  
Madison Ricci, Grade 7  
Nicole Rosania, Grade 6  
Tyler Sullivan, Grade 11  
Alexia Teofilovici, Grade 9  
Victoria Thorpe, Grade 7  
Ashley Weadick, Grade 7

WILMINGTON  
Distinction

## Spring Renewal

TEWKSBURY - A new Art Exhibit by the Tewksbury Community of Artists is showing at the Tewksbury Public Library from March 16 through April 8.

The following artists have work on display: Valerie Borgal, Juanda Clay, Carol Groezinger, Mavis Willegal. The artwork depicts the arrival of spring with new growth, shades of green and flowers galore captured in various media: oils, acrylics, pastel, watercolor and photography.

The TCA and the Library invites the public to view the show during library hours at 300 Chandler Street, Tewksbury. Library hours are Mon, Tues, Wed: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Thurs, Fri: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sat: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The TCA invites anyone interested in the fine arts to join, whether beginner artists or seasoned artists, or those who appreciate the fine arts. Check out the website: <http://tewburycommunityofartists.com/>

You can find an application online. You do not have to be a resident of Tewksbury to join the group. Those who want to participate in the next monthly show, which will take place in May with the theme of "Landscapes," is encouraged to contact Valerie Borgal at [vjb@valeriejeannesart.com](mailto:vjb@valeriejeannesart.com) or call 978-658-4693. Members of TCA may enter five pieces per person at no charge, non-members may submit three pieces per person at \$5 per piece.

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Boston Bruins legend Ray Bourque and actor Donnie Wahlberg were just two of the celebrities at Tewksbury Country Club for the Texas Hold'Em Tournament on Tuesday. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux - www.shootingstarspix.com)

## Hold'Em for a great cause

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tough to get into, so this means everything to us. This is the best thing in the world. This is just awesome."

'Awesome' was certainly the feeling that Maillet experienced after finding himself the best poker player on Tuesday night, and knowing that he will now have the chance of playing in another tournament in Vegas with the likes of professionals such as Phil Ivey, Alan Cunningham and Chris Mooneymaker.

"It's unbelievable," said Maillet. "I've played in a lot of local tournaments, I've played in some big tournaments and I've played regionally, and I've always wanted to go to the World Series of Poker and I haven't been there yet, so I'm looking forward to it."

The tournament began right around 7:30 p.m. and by 10:00 p.m., it had whittled down to about 50 players remaining. About an hour later the final ten people sat in the middle of the room and went back-and-forth. There Maillet won some hands, and also lost a big hand - having his pocket aces cracked - but he was still able to come back strong in the end, overcoming Randy Thomas (second place), Michael McGrail (third place) and Michael Torrisi (fourth place).

"(Losing with pocket aces) that's just part of the game," said Maillet. "I sucked out on a couple of hands earlier, and

it's just ups and downs. Sometimes you get lucky, sometimes you don't, but you just try to put yourself in the right situation so when the right opportunity comes up you get a chance to get it and I did."

But Maillet came to the final table short-stacked, meaning the odds of winning were against him.

"I really wasn't nervous (when I got to the final table)," he said. "I had been at final tables before and had done pretty well in some local tournaments and online tournaments. But when it got down to the final two or three tables, there were a lot of up and downs, but I was able to get to the final table. When I got to the final table, I was short-stacked, so I was hoping to get lucky to win a couple of hands and get my stack up. I knew that if it got down to five people that I would have a chance."

And now he has a chance of potentially winning more money and playing against the very best in this year's WSOP Tournament.

"I'm psyched, I just can't believe this. It's such a great event," he said. "People told me about this and I thought it was just going to be some small thing, like for a local charity. So when I got here, I didn't realize there were celebrities involved, the place is packed."

"When I showed up I didn't have a ticket. I was on the

waiting list, so I put my name on the waiting list and luckily they called me and I was able to sit down and play."

One of the people Maillet was up against at the final table was Andy Richardson, a 2003 graduate of Tewksbury Memorial High School. Richardson was extremely short-stacked and didn't last long at the final table because he basically had to go all-in with the first two cards he saw.

"At that point that's what you've got to do," he said. "But I was pretty happy with (taking ninth). It's not what I wanted because you want to win, but it was a good time for a great cause and I'm happy I could give whatever I can to it. It's not about winning at this point, it's more about giving back to the kids. I had a blast - I'd do it again next week if they had a tournament."

About a half hour before Richardson was knocked out, Wilmington resident Diane Doyle was eliminated after going all-in with the best hand of Ace-King and losing on the river to someone who called her with Queen-Jack.

"I finished 23rd out of 330 people so I think that's pretty good and I'm really happy about it," she said. "It was a lot of fun. It's great that they raised a lot of money for charity."

## Maple Meadow Landfill

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received then the determination may be changed.

A previous unfinished attempt to cap the site with mildly impacted soils, primarily from Boston's Big Dig project; leave the landfill as an enormous mound with steep slopes. Eventually those slopes will be tamed and shallower. All work at the site stopped in 2004 after the DEP issued a cease and desist order. The cease and desist was issued after DEP discovered that a required bond was not in place, and that an excess of shaping and grading material, over and above the amount that had been approved, was brought onto the site.

However, closure of the site is not yet complete. Penney said that the town and GeoInsight will continue to

watch the site and indicated that the pressure the town kept on DEP worked well to get to this determination. DEP rejected the closure plans most recently presented, in part because the site is stable and does not require additional soils trucked to the property.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Michael Newhouse commented that he is, "confident that DEP wants us at the table and that they want to hear our opinions."

He added that because the site is stable he would not anticipate additional capping to the landfill unless a use was identified that would pay for the remainder of the work. Due to the constraints of the site it is difficult to find a prospective reuse of the property.

Selectman Mike McCoy

praised GeoInsight for their work with DEP and for keeping the town informed.

A resident asked Penney if a 'forestry cap' was being considered for the site. She viewed it as a preference to just laying plastic tarpaulins, which tend to tear easily. A forestry cap would have trees growing across the landfill. Penney states that he believes that DEP is more open to such solutions now than it had been five to ten years ago.

Maple Meadow Landfill was owned and operated by Clarence Spinazola and accepted municipal solid waste from the 1950's until the state ordered it to close in 1976. In 2000, the DEP ordered that the site be capped. The site is located off Main Street on the Woburn town line.

## Deacon Joseph Bell

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of morality.

She knocked on the door of the Bell farmhouse, and Deacon Bell took her in and gave her a home. Some of the neighbors, however, took a dim view of this arrangement and went to visit the deacon. They found the deacon in bed with the young woman. So they summoned a minister, Rev. Samuel Sewall of Burlington, and he performed a midnight marriage. That marriage is recorded in the Wilmington records on March 11, 1850.

Rev. Sewall, who wrote a history of Woburn, was a descendant and namesake of Samuel Sewall, one of the judges at the Salem witchcraft trials in 1692. Judge Sewall, incidentally, held title to the Land of Nod, an area of

some 300 acres in what is now North Wilmington, north of Salem Street.

Rensselaer was raised with the family name of Bell. At the time of his death in 1912, his age was given as 63. He was apparently born on April 13, 1849.

Subsequently, Joseph and Elizabeth had two daughters. Mary was born on October 21, 1850, and Josephine was born on June 25, 1852.

Deacon Joseph Bell died on Jan. 8, 1869 at age 68 years, 11 months. Elizabeth survived him by nearly 40 years in the farmhouse, and it is said that she was much loved by people in town. She died on April 28, 1907 at age 80.

Some years later, the farm was purchased for taxes by Millard and Ruby Pipes, who had come down from Maine.

They ran a dairy farm there for a quarter century, under the name Bell Farm Dairy. The caps on the milk bottles had a bell for a logo, although that had nothing to do with the name of the farm. Prior to Pipes buying it, the farm had fallen into disrepair, and at one point, the barn collapsed. Pipes eventually built a golf course on part of the farm, which he named the Garden of Eden Country Club.

Pipes told the present owners that there had been a suicide in the farmhouse some years before he acquired it. The story was that family members in the kitchen had heard a bang and thought it was a blanket chest lid closing. When they went upstairs, they realized that what they had heard was a gunshot.

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## Town performing well on housing values

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registered deeds have changed in the last decade and comparing them with other towns in the district. The Northern Middlesex district includes Billerica, Carlisle, Chelmsford, Dracut, Dunstable, Lowell, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, Westford and Wilmington. However, Howe excluded Lowell information from the study so as not to throw off the numbers.

From 2000 to 2005 property values rose 54 percent in Wilmington, just one percent more than the median of the other towns. Values peaked in 2005 and then began to drop, falling 13 percent from 2005 to 2009. However, Howe added, property values from 2000 to 2009 have appreciated 34 percent, even though it was not a straight line increase.

Over the period that housing values dropped, Wilmington's values dropped one percent less than the median for the other towns and appreciated one percent more than the median over the decade.

Foreclosures began to pick up in 2007. Prior to 2007, foreclosures were in the single digits, with zero in 2005 up to seven in 2006. In 2007 they rose to 11, a 57 percent increase over the previous year. In 2008 foreclosures peaked to 20, an 82 percent increase over 2007, but in 2009 home foreclosures dropped to 15, a decline of 25 percent.

The key to the foreclosures is that those who refinanced when their homes were at their peak values now hold mortgages on homes that have lost value, and they cannot sell the home to get out from the loan if there is a disruption in the cash flow. Howe also said that some "serial borrowers" who have

refinanced a number of times, effectively using their home as an ATM, are in danger of losing a home if they lose their job since more than 100 percent of the value is mortgaged.

Howe said that the rate of foreclosures in Wilmington is "very low compared to the rest of the district."

Howe told Selectmen that programs designed to prevent foreclosures help everyone because they help keep values stable. Once a bank owns a house it will deeply discount the house to sell it. Once it sells at the discounted rate it becomes a "comp," or a comparison for other homes that want to sell.

"If one house in a neighborhood is foreclosed its like an anchor dragging down the rest of the neighborhood," said Howe.

Asked by Selectman Michael Champoux to predict where the real estate market might go in 2010, 2011, and 2012 Howe said that employment is the largest predictor of the market. Once unemployment stabilizes and begins to decrease, foreclosures will drop and values will begin to rise again.

"The value will come back," encouraged Howe.

The Registrar of Deeds also talked about improved technological and communication tools now employed by the registry. In addition to the LowellDeeds.com website the agency also holds presences on Twitter and Facebook and hosts a blog. The effort aims to reach people where they communicate, and today that includes social networking sites.

"The Northern Middlesex Registry of Deeds is an example of how a registry should be run," complimented Wilmington Chief Assessor Skip Moynihan.



Four teams from Wilmington participated in the regional DestiNation ImagiNation tournament held this past Sunday at Triton Regional High School in Byfield. All had a great time, of course, and did well. But the "Not Your Average Flying Pigs" team won second place in their category for performing the Do or DI improvisational challenge. Pictured from left to right, wearing their second place ribbons, are: Sakshi Jhavar, Jessica Nussbaum, Vicky McDermott, Emily Bartnicki, and Nupur Neogi.

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## Eleven new members (and a team) inducted into Hall of Fame

### Arciero tore it up

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

Imagine being a basketball player, going up and down the court, taking shots, bumping and bruising in the lane and playing defense and giving it everything you have, all the while having your ACL and MCL completely torn apart in your knee.

A year after Jeff Arciero averaged 18 points a game as a sophomore, he wrecked his knee during a state tournament soccer game. Yet despite the pain and agony he was going through, he still tried to salvage a junior basketball season despite that horrible injury. He actually did everything he could to get back on the court with a torn up knee.

Can you imagine the pain both physically and emotionally during those troubled times?

And while basketball has always been Arciero's true love, his best sport was soccer. After having surgery to fix his knee while sitting out his junior year of basketball, Arciero helped lead the Wildcats boys soccer team to its first state championship game in November of 2007. The Wildcats won their second North sectional crown that season, won their first ever Eastern Mass crown, before being defeated by Gateway Regional, 1-0, in a cold, snowy night at Boston University's Nickerson Field.



On Saturday night, the Wilmington High School Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Above are the individual inductees, including back row from left: Scott O'Connell, Justin Vallas, Scott Swiezynski, Mark DiGiovanni, Jim McCune, Jake Townsend, Jeff Arciero and Laura Winn. In the front row from left is Jean Della Piana who accepted the award on behalf of her late brother Sean Kerrigan, Catherine Townsend Banda, and Julie Gillis Santini. The 1972 Football was also inducted, and please to turn page SP4C for stories and photos. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

That game capped off an amazing season for the Wildcats, and for Arciero, he was named a Cape Ann League all-conference selection for the second straight

year, was named a Lowell Sun All-Star, a Boston Herald All-Scholastic, was the Boston Globe's Division 3 Player of the Year, was named to the Eastern Mass All-Star Team,

the All-State Team as well as to the All New England High School team.

Throughout his high school career, Arciero earned six varsity letters, helped the

soccer team reach the state final, helped both the soccer and the basketball teams earn the program's first ever Cape Ann League Championship titles, and

received the Harold "Ding" Driscoll Award for his commitment to WHS sports.

That award came in June of

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## Everyone was a winning player on Tuesday night

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

To the left of me was an actor from the television show "House". To the left of him was a guy who flew in on the red-eye the night before coming from Las Vegas just to be there. And across from me was a familiar face, Jay Connolly, who hosts a sports television show out of Stoneham.

On the table across to my left was two professionals, including Victor Ramdin and

the table behind him featured Ray Bourque. And around the rest of the room were several friends, Paul Hanley of Wilmington, Frank and Shawn Haubner of Wilmington, Tom Boyle of Tewksbury, not to mention a handful of others who played or watched, the room was packed, all with smiling faces and all there for one reason, to help a terrific charity.

On Tuesday night, I was fortunate enough to participate in the Mark Wahlberg

Foundation Texas Hold'Em Charity Poker Tournament held at the Tewksbury Country Club. About 340 people played in the tournament, that started at 7:30 pm and finished before midnight. Obviously, I didn't win, because if I did, I probably wouldn't be here this morning typing this column, as I would already be in some far away island or city, sulking in the winnings.

That being said, I did participate and I lasted about an

hour before being knocked out. I won two hands, lost one big hand, and besides that didn't get much cards to make any noise. But that's hardly the case here - rather the night was loads of fun where I was able to meet all kinds of great people and was part of an event that raised over \$75,000 to help children attend a summer camp.

About an hour into the tournament, I found myself knocked out going all in with a pair of 9's, hitting my trips

on the flop but only lose to a guy who called me with pocket jacks and see him hit his third jack on the turn, the card coming right after my third nine hit. I smiled, shook the guy's hand knowing that I had so much fun and enjoyed this once in a lifetime experience of being in the same tournament that featured guys like Troy Brown, Cedric Maxwell and the terrific guy I met from Wakefield, who talked about cards, his golf game, the health bill and his wonderful marriage. All of that was tremendous.

After getting knocked out, I had some dinner and then participated in a sit-and-go. Sitting across from me at this poker game was Victor Ramdin, a professional card player who placed 29th in the World Series of Poker in 2003. And to the right of me - although I had no idea who it was until an old high school friend pointed it out to me after it was over - was Terry Yancey of the musical group Marky Mark and the Funky Bunch.

There were ten of us playing a sit and go, and after just a few hands in I became short-stacked and raised with pocket queens. Ramdin shoved immediately, all in not hesitating for a second. With only a few chips left, I had to make the call, but thinking he had me dominated with pocket kings or aces. He turned over ace-queen and I was like terrific, I'm ahead of a poker professional. The flop comes 7-7-3, the turn was a 9 and the river, yup you guessed it, the ace, and I was sent packing again.

But Ramdin shook my hand, and then walked over to me

afterwards saying it was a bad beat, I deserved to win and gave me a hug. He seemed like a great guy - he was a lot of fun at the table just like everyone else who sat there.

From there, I watched some friends play, watched the other tables of the remaining players from the big tournament, and caught up with buddies around town. It was so great to see all of those faces whether it was Sheila Thornton from high school, Rob Santos who I have known forever, my pals in Tewksbury Matt Ginsburg and Molly Boyle and her Dad Tom, or my hockey friends from Wilmington, the great Haubner Family with Frank and his son Shawn, who I hung out for several hours. All of it was tremendous - I had such a great time.

Then when the event was finally over, I was able to interview the winner of the tournament Shawn Maillet of Dracut, as well as Jimmy Wahlberg, who told me that the 340 people who played, all helped to raised at least \$75,000 which sends 150 kids off to summer camp, which is pretty neat.

That was pretty special to everyone involved knowing they will help so many kids enjoy two weeks of camp up in Maine over the summer. The entire night was special - I enjoyed the heck out of it and can't thank the Wahlberg Foundation as well as all of the friendly people I chatted with and played against, and especially would like to thank the Ginsburg Family, Mark and Matt who were tremendous hosts of this terrific charity event.



From left, Ray Bourque, Donnie Wahlberg and Troy Brown were just three of the celebrities on hand during Tuesday night's Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament held at the Tewksbury Country Club, which helped raise over \$75,000 for the Wahlberg Foundation. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux-www.shootingstarspix.com)



# Gillis-Santini sticks to familiar ground

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
Sports Correspondent

As a youngster growing up in Wilmington, Julie Gillis Santini was always playing some kind of sport. With a family that included fine athletes such as her brother Brian and sister Stacey, as well as her fathers and uncles it is no surprise that sports were a big part of her life. With that kind of background, perhaps it is also no surprise that when she arrived at Wilmington High she was fully prepared to step in as a varsity athlete.

"We played a lot of sports growing up, it was pretty much all we did," Santini said. "We just picked up a ball and played catch in the yard or went to a field and played. Growing up with an older sister and brother like I had definitely contributed to my becoming an athlete." And what an athlete she became, as the 1997 graduate of Wilmington High went on to a tremendous career for the Wildcats excelling in four sports, her accomplishments particularly on the field hockey and softball fields finally leading to her election to the Wilmington High School Hall of Fame where she was officially enshrined on Saturday night.

Among the long list of her achievements while playing for the Wildcats were being a three-year starter with the field hockey team and being a captain in her senior season, while also being selected the Cape Ann League MVP that season. She was also a Lowell Sun and CAL All-Star as well as an All-Conference Player.

In addition to her exploits at Wilmington High, she was also selected to play for New-Mass Field Hockey Team, which consisted of select players from New Hampshire and Massachusetts which competed in a national tournament in West Palm Beach

Florida and later in Palm Springs California. The Palm Springs team won their division title against some of the best field hockey players in the country.

Her softball career also brought a number of accolades, including being a four-year varsity player and being part of the 1994 state championship team as just a freshman. As her career progressed her accomplishments became even greater as she became a CAL All-Star and a key player for the tournament teams of 1996, 97, and 98.

Despite her long list of accomplishments, Santini was still surprised when she received the call that she had been selected for the Hall of Fame. Making her election even more satisfying was that she knew she was being enshrined at the same time as her teammate Catherine Townsend Banda, and that she would also be joining her sister Stacey, who was elected to the Hall four years ago.

"I was shocked, but of course I was very honored," Santini said. "To go in with Catherine is quite an honor. I always just remember her as being such a great athlete so to go in at the same time as her is a great honor. And to go in after my sister as well was quite an honor for me. I just consider them such great athletes that for me to be considered along with them is shocking."

It should not be too shocking, particularly given what she did as a member of the Wildcats field hockey team. Santini had never played field hockey growing up so when she arrived at Wilmington High she got her first taste of the sport, but it did not take her long to discover her talents as she quickly became one of the top players not just on the team but in the entire league.

Unlike now, we did not

have the opportunity to play growing up," Santini said. "The first time I picked up a stick was for tryouts and I just looked at it as a chance to enjoy time with my friends and play a fun sport."

Making the sport even more enjoyable for Santini was her coach, Maureen Noone, who Santini says brought out the best in the Wildcats, while also allowing the team to have a lot of fun.

"Field hockey was probably my best sport, and it was also my favorite because of Maureen Noone," Santini said. "I loved all my coaches, but I will never forget Maureen. She was just an excellent, excellent coach and she was so dedicated to us. Really just day after day she put in the time with us to make us better players."

There were many great victories and many great goals scored for Santini and the rest of the Wildcats with the field hockey team, but beyond any one win or great goal she may have scored it was the relationships that she formed with her teammates and coach that has stuck with her in the years since her graduation.

"Really the thing I remember most is the girls I played with," Santini said. "We just had a blast together and with Miss Noone. We just enjoyed being together and we really clicked and had a lot of fun."

Her softball career was filled with great moments as well, starting with the 1994 state championship team. As just a freshmen Santini had yet to carve out her full time spot with the team but she was with the varsity all season long and enjoyed the ride to the title supporting the team in any way she could.

"I played a very small role with that team, but it was a great experience, especially

as just a freshman," Santini said. "Some of the athletes on that team were just amazing and as a freshman it was great just to be around them."

Santini's role with the team grew in the coming years as she became the team's starting centerfielder, helping to lead the team to the state tournament with both her glove and her bat for three straight seasons before graduating and moving onto Endicott College.

Her former coach Paul Lyman, himself a Hall of Famer, remembers an athlete that may have been small in stature, but was huge in ability and determination.

"Julie was fast and competitive. She had speed, something you cannot coach, and a talent that sets you aside from other players," Lyman said. "Julie patrolled the outfield with ease. She was small, quick and yet powerful. She also had that famous 'Gillis BIG Swing' that her dad, uncles, brother Brian and sister Stacey all had. That allowed her to surprise opponents with the long ball. Julie was tremendously competitive and always looking to improve."

Santini loved her time with the Wildcats softball team, once again enjoying her teammates, while also appreciating her time with Lyman as well as another of the year's Hall of Fame inductees, assistant coach Jake Townsend.

"I loved coach Lyman," Santini said. "He was another one who just dedicated his whole life to sports and to athletes. He was my coach in Little League as well so he was really part of my softball life from the time I started playing."

"Jake Townsend was our assistant coach, but he was really so much more than that. He did so much for the kids with helping our train-



Julie Gillis Santini was inducted into the WHS Hall of Fame on Saturday night. (courtesy photo).

ing. He really did a lot for us."

Santini also played basketball for the Wildcats and she also had a fine career with the Wildcats winter track team, where she was a top sprinter on their outstanding relay team. Her times qualified her for the States in the 50 yard dash, 300 yard sprint and the 4x400 relay team which won the State Class D championship.

"Track was the one sport that I really found nerve racking," Santini said. "Unlike the other sports where you can count on your teammates, it was the one sport where I was on my own and I would get very nervous before a race."

Santini continued to be a loyal Wildcat even after her graduation and even while working for the competition. While a student at Endicott College, Santini secured an internship in the Tewksbury High guidance office. Prior to the Thanksgiving Rally, she went to their Guidance Offices at Tewksbury High and filled them with blue

and white Wildcat balloons.

Current Tewksbury Athletic Director Brian Hickey commented that "It was one of the finest Thanksgiving pranks he had ever witnessed"

Santini the lifelong Wildcat still lives in Wilmington today with her husband Derek and her four children, Michael, Ryan, Jessica and Henry, ranging in age from one to nine. She and Derek own and operate Sonny's Mobile on the Run in Wilmington and they continue to be big supporters of Wilmington High athletics.

And just as sports were a huge part of her family growing up, she is hoping to pass that love of sports down to her children as well.

"Absolutely we try to pass it on to them," Santini said. "My husband has coached their teams and we just try and introduce them to as many sports as possible and hopefully they will enjoy them as much as I did."

## Kerrigan's outstanding career recognized with induction

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

The most emotional moment of Saturday night's Wilmington High School Hall of Fame induction is when Master of Ceremonies Jim Stewart introduced Sean Kerrigan as the next inductee. The Kerrigan family was well represented sitting at two tables and understandably it was very hard and tough for the members to hold their emotions in when Stewart read Sean's biography to the 200 people in attendance.

When Sean's sister, Jean Della Piana came up to the podium to accept the induction plaque from Stewart, she spoke for a short time, but what she said was so

profound and so impactful.

"We are extremely proud, and always have been, of Sean, and we are very touched, although bitterly-sweetly, that Sean is being remembered with this honor," she said. "Sean was very humble and would probably be embarrassed by all the fuss being made about him, but quietly honored nonetheless. Sean was an awesome little brother, uncle and son - he was a great kid. We miss him every single day."

And then she turned to the members of the Hall of Fame Committee and said "thank you for remembering my brother". After the crowd responded with a standing ovation, Stewart

went back to the microphone and said "while Sean might have been embarrassed, he certainly deserves it."

That Sean Kerrigan certainly does.

And it certainly says a lot about the Hall of Fame Committee, his former coaches and teammates, who recognized his excellence on the athletic fields and honor him for his outstanding effort after he sadly passed away on April 15, 2006. Kerrigan, like the other members from the 1997 and 1998 class, were all inducted on their first nominations.

Saturday night, Kerrigan's athletic days were remembered at the Knights of

Columbus Hall as he became one of 84 athletes in the history of the athletic program, dating back to the 1920s, to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. His success both personally and as a member of three different teams back that up. He was a true Hall of Fame Athlete at Wilmington High School. He played three sports, excelled in baseball, dominated in football and had a very solid wrestling career.

He went on to have a sensational baseball career at UMass Lowell and still ranks in the top ten all-time in a handful of offensive categories.

At WHS, Kerrigan had such an extraordinary career. In football, he was

part of a group of players along with Billy Harrison and Richie Gillis, who helped turn the program completely around. They all came in as young freshmen joining a program that was not very good in terms of wins and losses. But by the time they were seniors, they were terrific as a team.

Kerrigan was part of that 1996 team that finished 9-2, including playing a tremendous Thanksgiving Game against Tewksbury, who only went on to play in the Super Bowl a week later. In that game, Kerrigan scored a 65-yard touchdown run, and also came up with a huge interception, running the ball back to the three yard line.

"Sean was a great kid and a great player, who was respected by everyone," said current WHS Football coach Mike Barry, who was an assistant when Kerrigan played. "He always played his best during big games, especially that Thanksgiving game. He had that 35 yard interception return, scored on that 65-yard touchdown run, and also had six or seven tackles."

That game ended a terrific career for Kerrigan, who as a senior, was named a Cape Ann League All-Conference and a Lowell Sun All-Star selection, after being an elite running back, a

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# All Laura did was Winn, Winn and Winn

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

She's the only female in the history of the Wilmington High School Track-and-Field program to win a state championship during an indoor season. She's also the only female in the history of both the indoor and outdoor track programs to ever participate at a National High School Meet. And she's certainly the only female in the history of the cross country program to break the course record in her first season with the team.

Laura Winn did all of that during her magnificent career as a Wilmington High School as a student-athlete who graduated in 1999 and was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame on the first attempt after needing to be out of school for at least ten years.

When she got the call about the Hall of Fame, she thought it was for another school event.

"When Mark (DiGiovanni) called me, I figured it was about the ten-year reunion our class was having," she said. "So I was really surprised when he told me (about the Hall of Fame induction)."

During her high school career, Winn competed in almost every single event during the indoor and outdoor track seasons, ranging from the 55-meter dash and the 100, to the middle distance events of 300 and 600, to the relays, to the low and intermediate hurdles, to field events including javelin, pole vault and long jump — she did it all.

Through her four years as a member of the indoor and outdoor track teams, she was named the Team's MVP five times, was named to the Cape Ann League and Lowell Sun All Conference/All-Star teams a number of times, was named the Cape Ann League's Most Outstanding

Athlete as a senior and was undefeated against Cape Ann League competition in every event she competed in during her junior and senior seasons.

"It was always a team thing," she said. "Even though there are individual events, I ran on relay teams, and the whole social aspect of it all was great."

Indoors, Winn placed third as a freshman during the Class D State Meet in the 55-meter dash and then three years later, she celebrated as the school's first ever indoor state champion as she took home the Class D title in the 600-meter run, breaking a meet record which stood for seven years.

"Winning that was such a big deal for me," she said. "I had finished with a bronze and a silver, and I was able to top it all off with the Gold finally. I was just so nervous before that race and I just wanted to make a good time."

But quickly she realized she was doing that, going out on an incredible starting pace.

"I was so far ahead after the first three laps and I didn't even realize it at the time," she recalled. "It's funny because when I finished, I remember there were two boys waiting and stretching for their 600 meter race and I heard one of them say 'Oh My God, that girl just beat me - she ran that fast!'"

During her outdoor career, Winn excelled in the hurdles, taking 10th at the All-State Meet in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 47.21 seconds as a junior. Then as a senior, she placed second in the same event at the All-State Meet, and carried that success over by taking fifth place at the New England Championship Meet.

She was also a part of the 4x400 relay team which broke a Cape Ann League record at the time, and that finished

with a second place finish at the Class D State Meet along with Kristen Kacamburas, Kim Gillespie and then either Becky Rufo or Tricia Kane, who switched off as the other leg.

"We broke the Cape Ann League record and we were really good not only in our conference but at the state meet," she said. "We took a Silver Medal, and all of that was nice because I didn't do it by myself."

Certainly winning state championship titles and breaking league and meet records were great for Winn, but she said the biggest highlight of her senior year was having a certain teammate with her.

"I'll always remember my teammates but having that one season to run with my sister Stephanie was great," said Laura. "She's two years younger than me, so I was a senior and she was a freshman, and she did the 300 hurdles and consistently did the 800. So that was a lot of fun having her there."

Finally, Winn joined the cross country team during her senior season, and won four dual meets and established a course record.

Throughout all of those meets, whether cross country or track, no matter where the meets were held, Boston, Ipswich, North Andover, Laura said her mother Sharon was there for all of it.

"My mother didn't miss a single meet in all four years," said Laura. "She would drive me all over the place and just showed such unbelievable support. She would make those long drives just to see me run for a minute or whatever it was. My Dad (Mike) drove me several times to Florida for recruiting trips, and I remember him driving me eight hours to attend a track camp. Both of my parents knew what I was doing, knew

how important it was, and their support meant to much to me - just all of that time they put in."

Besides her tremendous success on the track, Winn was also quite the student. A talented artist, she won several honors including a Boston Globe Gold Key, Best of School Sixth District Congressional Art Show, Art All-State, and the WHS Excellence in Art Award all four years of high school.

Upon graduation from WHS in 1999, Winn was awarded the Phillips Fine Art scholarship as well as a Division 1 Athletic Scholarship as she continued her academics and athletics at Jacksonville University in Florida. She competed all four years on the NCAA Division 1 Track and Field indoor and outdoor teams, and ran two seasons of cross country all while earning her BFA in Photography and Art History.

During her track career at JU, Winn took a bronze medal in the 400 meter hurdles at the Trans American Athletic Conference Championships as well as being named an All-Conference selection in the javelin and pole vault. During her junior year, she was named an All-Conference selection again after taking fifth in the 800 meters.

"When you first start out in college you realize you are fast so they put you in the sprinting events to get your stride and then they try to carry that speed out to longer distances, and I was then doing 3,000 meter runs which is a whole different ball game," said Winn. "I remember I was doing the 400 meter hurdles my freshman year, and then I got moved up to the 800 and 1,500 meter runs and then the 3,000 meter steeplechase, and the pace and those longer distances were very tough."



Laura Winn was inducted into the Wilmington High School Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday. (courtesy photo).

She earned Athletic Academic All-Conference awards at JU, served as the Track-and-Field representative for the school's Student Advisory Committee, and then during her senior year, she received the President's Award given to the graduating student-athlete with the highest GAP at Jacksonville University.

Winn graduated magna cum laude with a BFA and departmental honors in 2003, and earned a MAT from JU in 2007. She currently lives in Fleming Island, Florida and works at her alma mater as the graduate advisor in JU's School of Nursing. She is currently enrolled at the University of Florida seeking a master's degree in Ancient Art and Archaeology.

After graduating from JU, Winn served as an assistant coach for the cross country and track teams, and ran in a handful of local 15K and

half marathons, including being the point leader and champion in the 20-25 age group in Jacksonville's Grand Prix race series in 2005-06.

"I've been doing some half marathons and stuff like that, and they are much longer in distance than I'm used to and I'm not as fast but I can still hold a decent pace," she said.

But after her college athletic days were over, Winn said that she thought at that time she was all done with competitive running.

"After college I said 'this is it'," she said. "It wasn't fun and it was more of a business. I didn't run competitively for two years, but now I'm slowly getting back to road races but to have fun doing it. I've been having a good time and as long as I enjoy them, I'll continue to participate in them."

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# Hitching a ride with some WHS Football Hall of Famers



By: Rick Cooke

It was the fall of 1972, followed by a summer in 1973. I got lucky. Or maybe the football gods decided to send a blessing my way. It's not often that a high school football player gets to play against, then a few months later, line up alongside, some of the greatest players ever to play the game in the Merrimack Valley.

The Wilmington High School Wildcats ran the table back in 1972, finishing undefeated at 9-0 and wrapping up their season with a 13-8 comeback victory over a tough-luck Tewksbury High School team. No one expected these Wildcats to go undefeated that season, but those people underestimated the veteran leadership provided by captains Alan Jansen, Leo 'Chico' Campbell and Paul Olson.

The trio stepped up big-time to block for junior halfback Dean Devlin (84 points, 14 touchdowns 1352 yards in 1972), who ran hard in the historic footsteps of Jack Bowen and Mike Esposito.

By the time the Wildcats hosted Tewksbury on a frigid 10-degree Thanksgiving morning, they had much more than history on their side. They had grit, determination, fortitude, and a whole lot of talent. They were tough enough to come back in the fourth quarter and score touchdowns off two Redmen turnovers. Tackle Alan Jansen and defensive end Jim McNally recovered fumbles deep in Tewksbury territory in the fourth quarter and we were history.

These Wildcats made history and turned an arch-rival into a footnote en-route to the hall of fame. People will never remember me chasing Devlin from sideline to sideline from my position at nose tackle. Assistant coach John Perreault had me standing up over center in the second half. Perreault told me to watch guards Campbell and Olson. Where ever they went, Devlin was sure to follow. None of it mattered, since these were hall of famers, and I played well enough just

to help keep my team close. I had a good vantage point. These guys were more than good. They were great.

Saturday night I stuck my hand out to greet Jansen moments before he joined his teammates for the WHS Hall of Fame induction ceremony at the Knights of Columbus. Like a true hall of famer, Jansen downplayed his talents, but remembered the game that closed out his team's memorable season.

"It was fantastic. A beautiful day for a football game—nice, cold and crisp," offered Jansen. "Tewksbury had a great team. It was 8-0 at the half and we knew that we had our work cut out for us. That season I did have a feeling that we would be good. We had a great bunch of guys and wonderful coaches. I loved playing football. I miss it terribly. The dreams never go away. We all have great memories of that season, and that's what you live with day after day."

Jansen was being charitable—which is not what he was at tackle. It was a brutal field in Wilmington that morning, and we were going down to our sixth defeat of that season. That field was frozen like a block of granite—rock-hard like the WHS' tackle. Jansen was downright nasty.

Now, he seemed soft-spoken and gentle in manner, not the snarling guy I remember lining up alongside me as we got ready to wipe out Lowell High School, 33-0 in the 24th annual Charities Game back in the summer of 1973.

That blowout in late August had everything to do with those Wildcats and WHS coaches Fred Bellissimo, Bob Aylward and John Ritchie. They led their Wildcats Steve Coursey (QB), Rick Barry (DB), Jansen, Campbell, Olson, Jack Virtus (tackle) and Bruce McMillan (DE) against coach Ray Riddick and his overwhelmed Lowell team. Lowell finished with minus 14 yards rushing and three yards passing. The All-Stars outgained LHS 306-41 and TMHS teammate and running back Charlie D'Avanzo was named the game's Most Valuable Player. Charlie and I both knew that we were along for the ride. Every time we looked up there was Jansen and McMillan chasing the Lowell quarterback. Olson and Campbell tackled anything that moved, and Riddick chased after Bellissimo at the game's finish, accusing the WHS coach of running up the score. He should have been thanking Fred and his



On Saturday night the Wilmington High School 1972 Football team was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame. Pictured here include team members, back row from left: Kenny Kumm, Wayne MacDonald, Bob Scarano, Paul Fitch, Doug Stewart, Jack Holloway, Jim McNally and Rick Barry. Front row includes: Alan Jansen and Dean Devlin.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

Wilmington players for having some mercy. I was along for the ride.

And, Saturday night I got to shake the hands of some of the WHS Hall of Famers who made it all possible.

McNally, looking like he could still line up and make block somewhere, made sure that he gave coach Ritchie a call and was glad that he got in touch with Jamie Campbell, the son of late teammate Leo, who passed away many years ago. McNally and Campbell both graduated from Northeastern University together, and Jim has maintained close ties to the Campbell family and coach Ritchie over the years. Sometimes playing football is all about staying connected. That season McNally and his mates stepped up and rallied for big last-second victory.

"I remember that we were down, and Chelmsford was big and fired-up. We scored a touchdown in the final eight seconds and won, 7-0. From that point, it seemed like every win gave us momentum. There were no real superstars on that team. We had the three captains blocking and Dean running," said McNally.

If there was a real defining moment for this Wilmington team that season according to McNally, it came in the 33-28 opening game victory over Andover.

"We were walking off the field and coach Ritchie turned to me and said: 'we might really have something here.'"

That 'something' was typical of Wilmington High School football players. There are six WHS football teams and two coaches in the school's hall of fame for good reason. Teams need good players, solid people with a good sense of history. Teams also need an unsung hero. Rick Barry qualifies. The former WHS back and hall of famer rests a scrapbook of that 1972 season on his banquet table. He beams and searches for teammates ready for a group photo. They see each other occasionally at the market, the gas station or maybe Thanksgiving morning.

Barry, a middle-school teacher for 30-plus years and prime mover-and-shaker at Camp 40 Acres, is a devoted 'townie'—sending sons to the WHS football team and practically bleeding Wildcat blue. The scrapbook is filled with photos and press clippings. The title page says it all—'Rick Barry—Unsung Hero'. Teams need people like Barry—ready, willing and able to step up for a friend, a teammate, a town. His experience with his hall of fame mates is something that he will never forget.

"I remember that nobody gave us much of a chance to win that year," said Barry. "When you are undefeated, you rise to the occasion. You get used to winning. The defense was tremendous. We held almost every team we played that year to minus yardage."

WHS football coach Mike

Barry is coming off his second season at the helm, and he would be crazy not to live by the tradition of toughness provided by this 1972 team.

"Wilmington kids love to play. They are tough kids and they play hard. It's been like that in Wilmington forever," says Barry. "When we take the field we are always talking about what makes up a good team. We want to go out there at the end of a game and take that will (to win) away from the other team. When these guys from the 1972 team come back for the Thanksgiving game, they want to see Wilmington compete. They want to see tough kids out there."

Hall of Fame kids become Hall of Fame men. Gathered in a room and smiling for a photograph.

"There are a lot of memories seeing all the guys back together again. That's what it's all about," said Jansen.

When I shake Jansen's hand on this night I forget to say thank-you. Thanks Al, for taking me on that ride. I haven't seen Jansen in years, but Barry is a guy you can't miss. Even that scrapbook is omnipresent, and for Barry, that generates a typical ear-to-ear grin. It's all good. It's all about great memories for this unsung hero.

"People ask me—are you bringing out that book again?" Then they admit that in years to come, I am going to be glad that I have this book," says Barry. "We all thought football and winning came naturally in

Wilmington. We thought that winning came with the season."

A 25-year-old assistant coach in his second season at WHS, Bob Aylward was given complete charge of the defense, and the young, enthusiastic, innovative coach turned all that Wildcat talent loose on Merrimack Valley Conference football opponents.

"That was a totally committed group of kids," remembers Aylward. "We had early morning strategy meetings at the high school, going over what we wanted to accomplish. We wanted a lot of pressure and man-coverage, and the kids ran it beautifully. We went out and played great defense and blocked well. We as coaches told them all how good they could be and they believed it."

Devlin suffered a hip-pointer in the finale against Tewksbury and the Wildcats would come up just short of a berth in the first-ever Schoolboy Super Bowl. But that belief never wavered. Not for one minute. Not for one second. That is the stuff of Hall of Famers. If ever a player got lucky, it was this old nose tackle. Thirty-eight years later, there is no doubt. You are Hall of Famers in my book. Thanks for letting me hitch a ride.

(Comments in this column can be sent to rcooke1717@yahoo.com).

## 1972 was a season to remember for Wildcat Football team

By 1972 Wilmington High School had a succession of winning football teams under Coach Fred Bellissimo. With a veteran line returning and an untested backfield the "Boston" newspapers had predicted that the 1972 team would not live up to the standards of past teams.

The team, led by coach Bellissimo, assistants John Ritchie and Bob Aylward; tri-captains Leo Campbell, Paul Olsen and Alan Jansen, returning lettermen Steve Coursey, Dean Devlin, Bruce McMillan, Bob Scarano and Jack Holloway would confound those prognosticators by completing the season undefeated and untied on the way to yet another Merrimack Valley Championship for the Wildcats.

The season's first game saw the Wildcats defeat Andover 33-28. The Wildcats jumped out to a 13-0 lead before Andover had run an offensive play. Key plays were a 67-yard return of the opening kick off by Doug Stewart followed by six straight runs from Dean Devlin and capped by a 5-yard touchdown run by Paul Fitch.

On the ensuing kick off Andover failed to cover the football and it was recovered by Leo Campbell at the

Andover 33 yard line. Dean Devlin scored seven plays later from five yards out. By the time Stewart had returned a punt 46 yards for a touchdown and Steve Coursey scored on a one yard plunge the Wildcats had opened up a 26-0 lead.

The Wildcats took a 33-14 lead with four minutes left on a 33-yard run around left end by Devlin. Andover answered with two last minute touchdowns to make the final score 33-28. Devlin finished with 152 rushing yards on 28 carries.

The second game was a 28-13 non-league win over Pentucket Regional. Touchdowns were scored by Dean Devlin (2), Paul Fitch and Bruce McMillan on an electrifying kick off return. Solid blocking was provided by Bob Scarano and Paul Olson. Jack Holloway and Jim McNally had important fumble recoveries as well.

The next game saw the Wildcats move into first place with a convincing 29-7 win over a previously unbeaten Methuen team. Wilmington broke the ice in this one after taking over possession on the Methuen 46. The Wildcats scored in eight plays, six of which featured Devlin for 42 yards, running behind the great blocking of Leo

Campbell, Alan Jansen and Bruce McMillan.

Methuen took the lead 7-6 early in the third period after which the Wildcats put together their best sustained drive of the day to re-take the lead for good. Key plays on the drive were a third down pass for 14 yards from Coursey to McNally and a 20-yard run around right end by Paul Fitch. The drive which featured two fourth down conversions was capped by a 1-yard touchdown run up the middle by Coursey. Paul Fitch ran in the two-point conversion to put the Wildcats up 14-7.

The next touchdown was set up by the defense. Bob Scarano forced then recovered a Methuen fumble at the Methuen 13. Two plays later Devlin went in standing up for the touchdown and when Doug Stewart kicked the conversion the score moved to 21-7.

The score went to 23-7 after a bad snap on a punt went out of the end zone for a safety. After the free kick the Wildcats scored again as Mark Nelson carried the ball over from the 1 yard line. Key plays on the drive were four carries by Bob Bavota and a 16-yard pass completion to Tom Woods. Devlin finished with 101 rushing

yards on 27 carries.

The fourth game resulted in the Wildcats taking over sole possession of first place via a shutout win over Dracut 14-0. The Wildcats first score came after Dean Devlin recovered a Middle fumble at the 9-yard line then ran four straight times scoring from the two. Stewart kicked the point after to put the "Cats" on top 7-0.

On the next series the Middies tried to rally, driving from their own 14 to the Wildcat 36 before Jack Holloway sacked the Dracut quarterback for an 11 yard loss which forced a Middle punt. Later in the first half Holloway also blocked a punt. The third quarter was scoreless and the Wildcats put the game away with a touchdown in the fourth quarter. The drive to the final touchdown featured 75 rushing yards by Devlin on seven carries, the last being a 32-yard scamper to the end zone.

Burlington was the next victim falling to the Wildcats 26-6 to run the team record to five straight wins. The Wildcats started early in this one as Leo Campbell pick off a pass on the second play of the game and ran it back to the Burlington one yard line. Steve Coursey took the ball in and following Stewart's PAT the score was 7-0.

After a bad punt the 'Cats took the ball over on the Burlington 33 yard line. Five plays later Coursey hit Jim McNally for a 14 yard touchdown pass and the "Cats" were up 14-0. After an exchange of punts the Wildcats took the ball over at their own 47 yard line.

On the next play Coursey broke a "keeper" for a long run, then handed off to Devlin on the next play who took to the house and the Wildcats were up 20-0. Early in the fourth quarter Wilmington scored again as Leo Campbell picked of another pass and ran it back to the Burlington 21, two plays later Devlin scored on an 18 yard run.

Burlington got their lone score late in the fourth quarter. The starting defense, led by Bob Scarano, Bruce McMillan and Paul Olson held the Red Devils to just two yards rushing for another impressive showing.

The next game was a hard hitting hard fought defensive struggle against Chelmsford with Wilmington coming away with a 7-0 win. With one minute left in the game, Leo Campbell recovered a fumble at the Lion 18-yard line. After three incomplete passes Dean Devlin, filling in at quarterback, connected with Bob Bavota on a screen pass that

put the ball at the 6 yard line.

On the next play Devlin faked a pitch to Bavota then took the ball into the end zone himself for the winning score, when Stewart hit the extra point there was 22 seconds left in the game. Doug Stewart intercepted a "last ditch" desperation Chelmsford pass as time ran out to secure the victory.

Sometimes the measure of a great team is finding a way to win when you don't have your "A" game. The game versus North Reading may have been that game as the Wildcats struggled to preserve their perfect record and moved to 7 wins and 0 losses with a non-league win against North Reading. The final score was 13 to 8.

Wilmington's first score was via a dazzling 28 yard run by Dean Devlin early in the second quarter. After the ensuing kick off, Jim McNally recovered a North Reading fumble on the first play from scrimmage.

Six plays later Dean Devlin took a pitch around left end into the end zone and when Stewart converted the extra point the Wildcats were up 13-0. North Reading scored just before halftime and with the





The 1972 Wilmington High School Football team was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday night.

(courtesy photo.)

## The 1972 Football season was one to remember

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two point conversion closed the gap to the final score of 13-8.

The Wildcats moved to 8-0 and clinched at least a tie for the Merrimack Valley League championship with a 20-7 win over Billerica. The 'Cats scored on their opening drive as Dean Devlin capped an 8 play drive with a 5 yard td run.

After exchanging punts Leo Campbell ended a Billerica threat with an interception. The first half ended without any more scoring as Doug Stewart's punting, including a 68 yarder, helped keep the Indians pinned back in their own territory. Midway through the third quarter the Wildcats took over the ball at the Billerica 25 yard line and went on an 11 play drive that culminated with a 12 yard keeper around left end by Coursey to run the score to 13 to 0.

Jim McNally set up the Wildcats final score with a 53 yard return of an interception

pass that put the ball on the Billerica 7-yard line. Three plays later Alan Jansen led Dean Devlin into the end zone and with Stewart's conversion the score went to 20-0. Billerica added their only score, just before the game ended to make the final score 20-7.

The Wildcats Clinched their sixth Merrimack Valley Conference title and capped their perfect season with an exciting come from behind 13-8 win over arch rival Tewksbury.

Tewksbury opened the scoring and led 8-0 after the first quarter. The score stayed that way until the fourth quarter when Jim McNally recovered at fumble at the Redmen 42 yard line.

After five plays the ball had moved to the Tewksbury 30-yard line when Steve Coursey fired a strike to Bruce McMillan to put the Wildcats on the board. After the two point conversion failed Tewksbury led 8-6.

Later in the fourth quarter Alan Jansen recovered a fumble at the Tewksbury 19 yard line. Coursey carried for 11 yards to the eight, a run by Bavota moved the ball to the 3-yard line and on the next play Bob Bavota followed Jack Virtus into the end zone to put the 'Cats ahead for the first time.

When Doug Stewart added

the conversion the score was 13-8 with 1:52 left on the clock.

Once again as it had done all season long the Wildcat defense came up big in the last two minutes to preserve another win, a league championship and a perfect season.

## Frasca Field clean-up day Saturday

Tewksbury Youth Soccer will be holding it's 4rd Annual Frasca Field Improvement Day on Saturday, March 27rd from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. The rain/snow date will be on Saturday, April 3rd. All families are encouraged to participate as over a dozen projects are planned which will require the assistance of both kids and adults from lining fields, assembling goals, to painting, to fence work.

Heavy equipment (bob cat, loader, bulldozer) is also needed for parking lot improvements. Wearing your outside work clothes is recommended. Breakfast and lunch items will be provided for our volunteers. For more info please contact TYSL Facilities Director, Mike Callahan, at facilities@tewksburyyouthsoccer.org

The TYSL web site is tewksburyyouthsoccer.org

## Cullity, Vermont draw Wisconsin in NCAA opener

The University of Vermont men's hockey team has earned a No. 4 seed for the 2010 NCAA Tournament and will face top-seeded Wisconsin (25-10-4) in the opening round of the West Regional at the Excel Energy Center the home of the Minnesota Wild in St. Paul, Minn., on Friday March 26 at 9:00 p.m. (EST).

The game will be televised on ESPN HD and can be heard on WVMT AM-620 and on the Internet at SportsJuice.com. The NCAA bid is the fifth in school history for the Catamounts, who advanced to the Frozen Four last season.

Patrick Cullity of Tewksbury is an assistant captain on this year's team.

Vermont (17-14-7) learned its opponent and destination during the NCAA Men's Hockey Tournament Selection Show that aired on ESPN2 during a gathering with fans and the media at Tuckaway's Pub at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center in Burlington.

The other half of the West Regional bracket has second-seeded St. Cloud State (23-13-5) meeting third-seeded Northern Michigan (20-12-8) on Friday at 5:30 p.m. (EST). The winners of the Vermont-Wisconsin and St. Cloud State-Northern Michigan match-ups will meet in the West Regional championship game on Saturday at 9 p.m. (EST). The winner of the West Regional will advance to the 2010 Frozen Four at Ford Field in Detroit, Mich. The Frozen Four is set for April 8-10.

2009-10 marks the first time in school history that Vermont has had the men's hockey team as well as the

men's and women's basketball teams in the NCAA Tournament in the same season. The women's basketball team is a No. 10 seed in the NCAA Tournament and met seventh-seeded Wisconsin in South Bend, Ind., today. The men's basketball team was a No. 16 seed in the NCAA Tournament and lost to top-seeded Syracuse in the opening round on Friday at the HSBC Arena in Buffalo, N.Y.

Vermont is 3-5 all-time in the NCAA Men's Hockey Tournament. The Catamounts advanced to the Frozen Four last season with a 4-1, win against Yale and a 3-2, double overtime win against Air Force in the East Regional at Bridgeport Arena at Harbor Yard in Bridgeport, Conn. Vermont lost to eventual national champion Boston University, 5-4, in the Frozen Four at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C.

Vermont lost in this past weekend's Hockey East Semi-Finals to Boston College, 3-0.

## Cavanaugh advances to final round

Brian Cavanaugh, representing the Wilmington Knights of Columbus, won the Boys 12 yr. old bracket in the K of C Regional Free Throw Contest, held at the Parker Middle School in Reading.

Brian will participate in the State Championships, to be held at the Holy Cross College in Worcester on April 10, 2010.

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Justin Vallas inducted WHS Hall of Fame

# All-time leading scorer was the ultimate gamer

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

His accomplishments are off the charts. His athletic resume has more pages to it than Elvis had hit songs. But two things you have to realize when it comes to Justin Vallas, is he was the ultimate "gamer" and no matter what team he was on, whether he was at WHS in soccer and hockey, or even during his days at Prep School and College, those teams won and won big.

Vallas was a member of three different teams that fell just shy of winning a state championship. He broke the all-time's leading scoring mark in the history of the hockey program, totaled 28 points during his senior season on the soccer field, including netting 12 goals and helped the soccer team win two straight sectional crowns.

Those facts just barely touch the surface of how good of a two-sport athlete Vallas was at WHS, and why he was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame this past Saturday night.

"When I found out about it, I was completely blown away," said Vallas. "(Mark DiGiovanni) called me and I didn't even know what to say to him - it was just a wow feeling. And then I just started reminiscing and you start to think about to think about everything. We really had some good teams, and we came close three times to winning a state championship."

Vallas was never, ever, ever about personal accomplishments. He was such a gutsy player - hard nosed, gave it everything he had, as tough and as physical as they come, would come through in the clutch so many times, was always prepared, focused and always up for any big challenge, and more importantly any big game.

Perhaps all of that, and the fact that he played along side of a handful of very talented and hardworking players, and played for two dynamic coaches, are just some of the reasons why the teams he played for were so successful.

"I think that was because we had so many players who were all team players, who all competed and who never gave up," he said. "We never had the most skilled teams especially in soccer. But now Mark, Scott (Swiezynski) and Jeff (Arciero) are all going in (the Hall of Fame) together just shows you what a great (soccer) team we had."

"I think the runs we had in soccer and hockey were all beneficiary to the great players we had. Those experiences were unbelievable. Three times we had a chance for a state title and we couldn't get one and that has always hurt - just coming so close. But the crowds at those games, and playing in the tournament games was so great. That's what you play for."

Vallas was a member of both soccer and ice hockey teams all four years of high school. In soccer, he led the team during his junior and senior seasons, helping Wilmington take its first ever Cape Ann League crown, two straight Division 3 North sectional crowns, the program's first ever Division 3 Eastern Mass crown and help the program make its first trip ever to the state championship game.

During his junior year of

1997, the Wildcats finished the regular season with a 12-3-3 record, won the league title for the first time, and then knocked off Wayland, Rockport, Hamilton-Wenham and then Marian to win the school's second ever North sectional Championship trophy. Wilmington went on to defeat a previously unbeaten Norwell team to win the Eastern Mass Championship, before falling to Gateway Regional, 1-0 in the Division 3 State Championship game played at Boston University's Nickerson Field.

"I thought we were a pretty solid team during the season, and once we made it to the playoffs, we took it one game at a time," he said. "And then before we knew it, we were one game away from winning it all. The only thing I really remember from that state championship game was the feeling I had when they scored that goal. It was just a sickening feeling. Then I just remember the last second when the whistles blew - it was just so tough."

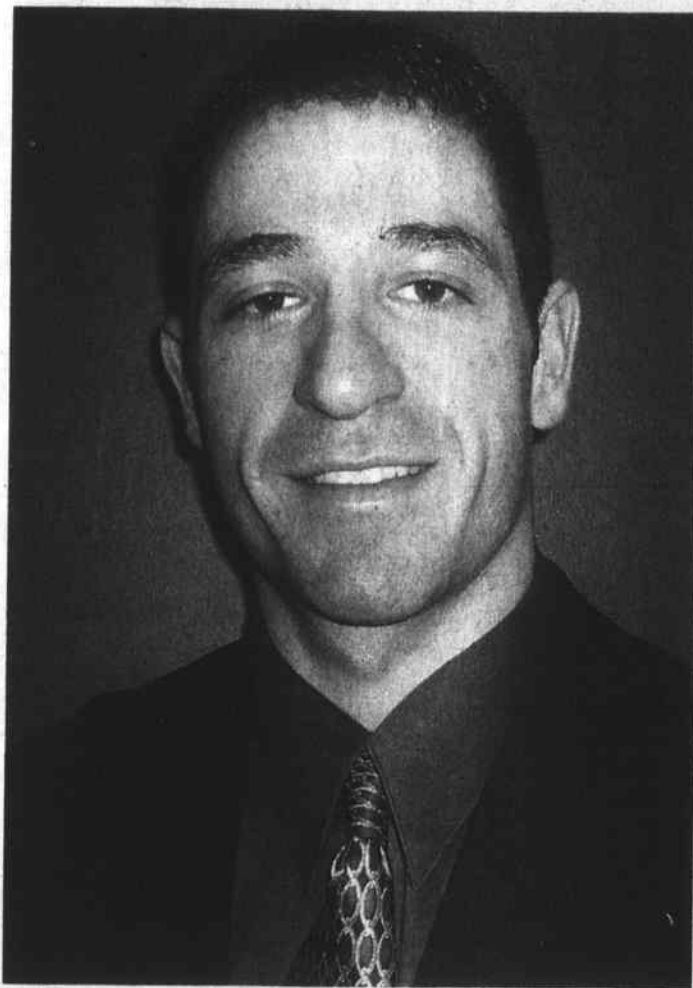
"That game was a battle. We just couldn't get the ball in the net. The game was at BU, we had a huge crowd, it was snowing and it was a great experience. You couldn't ask for anything else ... well, except a win."

A year later, the Wildcats returned as a playoff power after an up and down regular season. Wilmington was 7-4-2 before winning their final five regular season games, and then carrying that winning streak into the post-season with wins over Arlington Catholic, Bishop Fenwick, Danvers and Weston, the last helping to take the program's second straight sectional crown. Then in the Eastern Mass game, Wilmington took a 1-0 lead over Medway only to see the game get tied up in the final minute of play, and then falling in the first minute of overtime.

"That Medway loss still really stings," he said. "I remember Dennis Ingram scored, and there was like 52 seconds left and I was like 'OK this is our chance to (go on and) win it all' and then all of a sudden Medway kicked the ball down the field, there was a questionable off-sides call not made and they scored with 20 seconds left. Then in overtime, I remember their kid from 25 yards out put this bullet of a shot on net, it was just two feet off the ground and it hit the inside post, rolled across and went in. I can still see that shot today - I couldn't believe it. That game still hurts and that loss will never be going away."

During his junior and senior seasons, the soccer teams combined for a record of 33-9-5. Vallas was named a Cape Ann League All-Conference player and a Lowell Sun All-Star during his senior season finishing with 28 points in just 23 games.

As good as he was in soccer, Vallas was that much better in hockey. During his four years on the team, the Wildcats won the Cape Ann League title three times, and advanced to the Division 2 North sectional final during his senior year, losing to eventual state champion Saugus, again at Boston University. His senior season, the team finished 19-3-2 overall, meaning his teams went a combined 35-8-4, falling a combined three wins away



from capturing a state championship in two different sports.

While Vallas was known for his crafty stick work, his lightning speed and the ability to find the back of the net, he was a part of a forward line with fellow Hall of Fame Mark DiGiovanni, and Shawn Haubner, who simply put were the best public school trio from this area and the fastest three forwards to be put on a line in the past 15 years.

During the 1997-'98 season, Vallas finished the season with 32 goals, 20 assists and 52 points in just 21 games, while the line collected 51 goals, 65 assists and 116 points, averaging almost six points a game together.

"Both (Justin and Mark) were real good multi-sport athletes who were blessed with athletic ability," said Steve Scanlon. "In soccer Mark was the defender and Justin was the scorer, but in hockey they both could score. And despite their athletic gifts, both of them were very humbled kids - the team always came first, and they were smart athletes with no egos. They could've gotten away with that and they didn't and I think that's what made them so special."

During the 1998-'99 season, Vallas finished with 30 goals, 25 assists for 55 points in 24 games, giving him 107 points in two seasons, while the group finished with two-year totals of 107 goals, 141 assists and 248 points in just 45 games.

"That line was one of the best lines we've ever had here," said Scanlon. "In terms of speed all three of those kids could fly, and all three could score. Justin had back-to-back 50-point seasons, so they were all very dangerous players. The one thing about them is they never quit and they just hated to lose. They left everything they had everytime out until the final whistle, and they were good leaders and that was good for the kids who followed them."

Midway through his senior season, Vallas broke the 100-point plateau becoming just the fourth player in the history of the hockey program to achieve that milestone, joining Dennis Moran, Jimmy Burns and Dennis Torpey. Then later on in the regular season, Vallas broke Moran's

all-time scoring record of 117 points, and Vallas finished his career with 78 goals, 57 assists and 135 points which still stands as the all-time mark today.

"The scoring record never crossed my mind," he said. "I never, ever thought about anything like that and never knew about any of that until people started saying things to me after my junior year. My freshman year I had like 15 points and then my sophomore year I had a knee injury and finished with only 13 points. And then my junior year I was teamed up with two guys and after that it just took off."

Vallas was then asked about the night he broke the record playing in a tournament game in Haverhill.

"I remember it was an away game and I had broken my stick so DiGi let me use one of his sticks," he said. "I was able to get a breakaway and I scored and I still have the puck actually. But once I scored I was like 'OK that was cool' but now let's go back to the face-off. It is a pretty cool record to have, but records are meant to be broken. I hope I'm there at the game to see it when it is broken."

Vallas gave all of the credit to the scoring record to his linemates, who are still two of his closest friends to this day.

"I couldn't have asked for two better linemates," he said. "I think we were all so unselfish. One of us might have had more goals, or the other had more assists, or the other one was faster, or one went into the corner first, none of that mattered to any of us - we were all just so unselfish and that's why it worked so well. I was very fortunate to play with those guys for two years - we all hang out, we were always together off the ice and we just all just had that same style of play. We still get together once in a while and relive those days."

After breaking the scoring record, Vallas ended up getting 17 more points in the state tournament as Wilmington knocked off Haverhill, Masconomet and Winthrop, before falling to Saugus in the state's semi-final game.

"That team was just awesome," said Vallas. "We had such a great mix of players

and everyone contributed. We had a great second line with (Danny) Torpey, (Eric) Banda and (TJ) Flynn and our defense was solid, and beating Masco that season is something none of us will ever forget."

Back then Wilmington and Masconomet had quite the rivalry. It was like Thurman Munson and Carlton Fisk exchanging punches everytime out - that's how much tension there was in every match-up the two teams played. It was an all-out war, and that state tournament game was no different.

"We were down 2-0 and we ended up coming back (to tie the game 3-3) and I remember every detail from that goal we scored in overtime," he said. "Shawn skated with the puck end-to-end and he put a shot on net. DiGi got the rebound went behind the net, put a shot on net and I got the rebound and was able to score from the right side circle. It was the most memorable hockey game and moment I've ever had. The place went crazy, we went crazy, and we beat them in overtime of the state tournament after being down 2-0. It was incredible."

Wilmington then knocked off Winthrop, 1-0, in another exciting game that featured fans throwing "squids" onto the ice. That victory put the Wildcats into the sectional final against Saugus - that was the best season the program had in 15 years.

"Saugus was very talented," he said. "They had that defenseman Erik Pedersen who played at UNH, and their goalie Mike LaRosa was very good - actually I became really good friends with him and was just in his wedding. Anyway, that team was really talented. We battled. We were down 2-1 and they got two empty net goals to win 4-1. That was so difficult sitting in the locker room after that loss. I remember DiGi was next to me and we said to each other how we came so close three times (of winning a state championship). It was a great run, the crowds were great. But that hurt a lot, and I never played another game at Wilmington after that."

Besides the scoring record, and helping the team reach the sectional final, Vallas was then named the team's MVP, was named the Cape Ann League's Player of the Year, was named a Cape Ann League All-Conference selection for the second straight year, was a Lowell Sun All-Star for the second straight year, was named the Hockey Night in Boston's Cape Ann League MVP and was named to the Hockey Night in Boston All-Scholastic team.

Through his eight athletic seasons at WHS, Vallas played four years of soccer for Dick Scanlon and four years of hockey for Steve Scanlon. Dick was inducted into the Hall of Fame in the late 1990s and Steve will be inducted the minute he retires. Playing for those two coaches, and Chip Bruce, who served as an assistant on both clubs, Vallas, says, is what made him the student-athlete he was.

"Steve pushes you," said Vallas. "When you take a second off of practice, he's all over you and to be honest I never did that because I didn't want him all over me. He got the best out of me. He would kick my butt when I

needed it to be kicked and he just has such a unique tough style that works, and wins."

"Dick was also awesome. He just had that special way about him. He would find a way to get through to you whether it was through humor or taking you aside to tell you something or by screaming at you. He motivated you in so many different ways and Steve is similar in that regard. Dick had a system and would just say do it to the best of your ability. I had nothing but great experiences playing for both Dick and Steve. To have such great coaches like Dick, Steve and Chip helped me so much in high school and helped me carry that over into college. The coaches I had at Wilmington, the teammates I had, and the experiences I had are what made everything and what made those three teams so successful."

After his hockey season ended, Vallas went on to be named the WHS Most Outstanding Male Athlete. He went to the Winchendon School for one year for post-graduate and competed in both hockey and soccer in the Division 1 New England Prep School Athletic Conference, including leading the soccer team in scoring and helping the program reach the New England Regional Championship game for the first time in school history.

From there Vallas went to Worcester State College and competed in both hockey and soccer. As a captain of the soccer team, Vallas helped the Lancers become the four-time MASCAC Champions and was a part of the team's NCAA Sweet 16 appearance in 2001. During his four years of soccer, Vallas was named a three-time All-Conference and All-Star, was a two-time All New England selection, was a two-time team MVP, was the 2003 Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference leading scorer and was the 2003 MASCAC Player of the Year.

In hockey, Vallas was a three-time captain for the Lancers, leading the team in scoring during his freshman year, while being named the MASCAC and ECAC Rookie of the Year. In addition he was a three-time ECAC All-Star and a three-time MASCAC All-Conference selection.

Throughout his entire athletic career, whether it be at WHS, Winchendon or Worcester State, he said the support from his family and loved ones and having them on hand Saturday night during the induction, makes it all that much sweeter.

"I come from a family where the support was second to none," he said. "My older brother Chuck played football and hockey and my mother (Janice) was quite the athlete as she played hockey and now she's the President of (Wilmington Youth Hockey, so athletics has been in our family. But having an older brother to look up to and then be able to play with, was great."

"And now I'm watching my two younger brothers (Andy and Cam Owens) play the same sports I did, and wear the same jersey numbers. I did and that's just really cool. I'm very lucky to have all of my brothers and very lucky to come from such a great family."

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## From manager to player, Scott O'Connell did it all

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
Sports Correspondent

The story of Scott O'Connell is one of those where if you saw it in the movies you might not believe that it could really happen. But the high school career of the 1978 Wilmington High graduate is 100% true and his induction into the Wilmington High Hall of Fame this past Saturday was a dream come true for the team manager turned varsity athlete.

Perhaps that is why if you

ask O'Connell how he is doing these days, he will invariably respond with a hearty "I'm living the dream." O'Connell who lives in California with his wife Laura and 12-year-old daughter Sarah, owns his own gym. He has also set up gyms in places like the Texas Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, Texas as well as personal gyms for several Hollywood celebrities such as James Cameron and Janet Jackson. Certainly it appears as if O'Connell is living the

dream and his induction into the Hall of Fame was another great part of the dream.

"Gordie Fitch called me and let me know. I have known him a long time, but had not talked to him in quite a while," O'Connell said. "I was truly humbled by it more than anything. To know that I had gotten in with so many great athletes that I had looked up to was just incredible to hear."

Unlike some of the great athletes previously elected to

the Hall, O'Connell was not elected for his athletic prowess on the playing field. Rather, it was his contributions to three varsity teams in his capacity as team manager that earned him his enshrinement to the Hall.

As a freshman, and truly through his entire high school career O'Connell did not have the size to compete with the larger varsity athletes. Rather than let this discourage him O'Connell instead turned his love of sports into

a huge benefit for the teams at Wilmington High.

Beginning with his sophomore year O'Connell became the manager of three different varsity teams at Wilmington High, managing the football, baseball and basketball teams and providing the teams with invaluable assistance in every season.

But he also continued to work at making himself a better athlete. Whether it was shagging fly balls with the baseball team or working

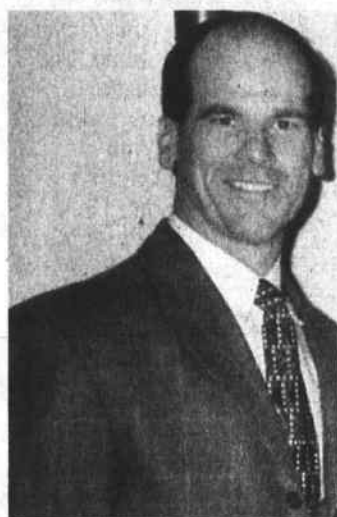
on his game on his own O'Connell kept getting better and better and finally in his senior season earned himself a spot with both the baseball and hockey teams. The teams he once managed, he was now officially a part of. Talk about living the dream!

"It was really great," O'Connell said. "I didn't play much but it did not matter to me. Kenny Palm was my hockey coach and I was a



# From manager to player, Scott O'Connell did it all

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Scott O'Connell was inducted into the WHS Hall of Fame on Saturday.

backup goalie and basically I just sat on the bench, but it was great just to be part of the team. In baseball, coach (Jim) Gillis used to put me in when the bases were loaded because I was so small and had a small strike zone. I just loved being a part of it and having a role."

Of course O'Connell had already been a huge part of all three teams in the years leading up to his finally getting a spot with the teams. His role as a manager was an important one and it was one he relished.

"It was great," O'Connell recalled. "I was small. God did not give me size, but he gave me a big heart and in my role I was able to go from sport to sport and learned the game from being around some great coaches. I loved being around to encourage the teams."

Indeed O'Connell did have the chance to learn from some of Wilmington High's all time great coaches, starting with football coach Fred Bellissimo, along with hockey coach Al Fessenden, and baseball Jimmy Gillis.

"Those were great guys.

Fred was incredible. He was such a hard nosed guy, but in a lot of ways he was a softie and I got to see that other side of him," O'Connell said. "I could be a confidant to him because I was not going to get cut or lose my position or anything like that."

And Jimmy Gillis taught me the game from the bench. He was great to learn from."

Beyond just learning the game, O'Connell, or Okie as he was known to his teammates simply loved his job as manager. It was not a job that every kid could handle, but it was as if it was made for him.

Whether it was bringing out the gear for a practice or game, filling water bottles or keeping stats for the baseball team, O'Connell loved being part of the team. And during football season he truly got to feel like part of the game.

"I used to love going out and getting the tee after a kickoff," O'Connell said. "It was a rush coming out on to the field especially for the big games like Thanksgiving against Tewksbury. I remember just being the right hand man and enjoying that."

And O'Connell's teammates appreciated having him around and all of the things he did for them. It was not the filling of water bottles or carrying of bags that they really appreciated from O'Connell, but rather it was the spirit that he brought to the team.

O'Connell's former football and baseball teammate Steve Woods echoed the sentiments of many when looking back on what O'Connell meant to Wilmington sports.

"As my life has progressed, I've learned to appreciate the people that perhaps aren't on the front line, but prepare those of us that are,

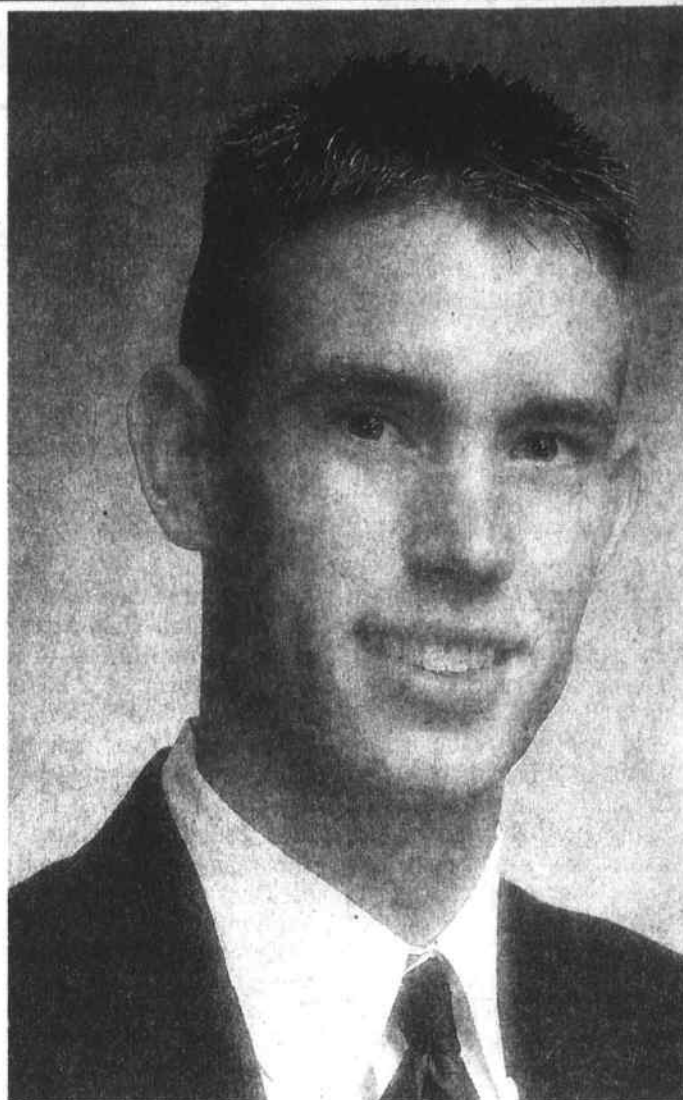
to be the best we could be," Woods said. "Okie played a priceless role and was a huge factor for all of the sports teams I participated in at Wilmington."

"Simply put, Okie defined our character in always having a positive attitude, particularly during crushing defeats, being a team player, and a selfless person, always placing the team's interests ahead of his own. His biggest impact on me personally, however, was in defeat. He is a class act and was consistently there for us in both good times and bad."

While O'Connell did not play a great deal while with the hockey team, according to teammates he still had an impact on the team's success. After a poor year in 1977, O'Connell was part of the 1978 team that advanced to the state tournament. According to teammate Tom Gracia, it was no coincidence that the team improved with O'Connell in uniform.

"Well that's what made Okie special," said Gracia. "Most kids wouldn't do it (be a manager) but Okie relished it. He loved being around the guys, the camaraderie and being part of a bunch of kids striving for one goal, which was to do the best you can, have fun and win games."

"In 1977, the hockey team did not have a good year, but Okie would tell us to keep battling, give 100% and have some fun. The next year he made the team and we had a very good year. The baseball and hockey teams he was on had tremendous success and I know Okie was a part of why they were so successful."



Scott Swiezynski, a graduate of WHS in 1998 is now a new member of the Athletic Hall of Fame. (courtesy photo).

## Swiezynski epitomized the words 'student-athlete'

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

Scott Swiezynski epitomized the words 'student-athlete'. What he did in the classroom and on the athletic fields was simply astonishing, most especially during his senior year.

But if you ask Swiezynski about throwing a no-hitter, about any of the double-double performances he had on the basketball court, or about a 1-0 win on the soccer field, he doesn't remember the details. Not because he suffered Kermit the Frog's amnesia after being a National Honor Society member, but because he played sports for the right reasons: compete, hang with the guys,

enjoy the bus rides and most of all, enjoy the friendships he encountered along the way.

On Saturday night Swiezynski was inducted into the Wilmington High School Athletic Hall of Fame. There he mentioned the fact that while being interviewed for this article, he couldn't remember details of his 18-strikeout game against Georgetown and particulars like that. But he mentioned to the 200 people in the audience the things that were important to him - he looked right at Jim McCune and thanked him for being his coach and smiled when he brought up

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## A year after leaving post, McCune gets the call

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

Before Saturday night, there were only 14 coaches in the history of Wilmington High School Athletics to be inducted into the school's Hall of Fame through the history of the program which started back in the 1920s.

Jim McCune made it as No. 15.

A year ago McCune resigned after his tremendous 20-year career as the boys basketball coach at Wilmington High School. On Saturday night, he was introduced as one of the new members of the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame. Perhaps that should say it all when it comes to explaining the impact McCune had on not only the basketball teams and the entire program, but for this community, and most especially for the student-athletes who played for him.

From 1989 to 2009, McCune compiled a record of 267-169 at WHS, which included winning eight Cape Ann League Championship titles - including seven in a row - qualified for the state tournament 15 times, reaching the quarter-final round ten straight years, reaching the Division 3 sectional final three times, while being named a Cape Ann League, Massachusetts State Coaches Division 3, Lowell Sun and Town Crier Coach of the Year a combined 11 times.

During his reign, he coached three Boston Herald All-Scholastic players, coached four Cape Ann League Players of the Year, and had a number of players go on to fantastic collegiate careers.

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# Arciero tore it up at WHS

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2008. Now nearly 12 years later, Arciero received a much bigger award - being inducted into the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame this past Saturday night.

"I guess I was pretty surprised," he said. "I didn't really hear much about it. I knew something was coming up, but I was surprised. It's a nice honor. It's a nice cap to my career, and this is very nice especially to go in with Mark (DiGiovanni), Scott (Swiezynski) and Justin (Vallas) who were all a part of that soccer team (that reached the state championship)."

During the fall of 1996, Arciero was a junior defender on the boys' soccer team. The Wildcats reached the state tournament and were bounced in the first round. He came back as a senior in the fall of '97 as one of the tri-captains. He helped lead the team to a 17-4-3 overall record, which included winning the Cape Ann League, the Division 3 North Sectional and Division 3 Eastern Mass Championship trophies, defeating Wayland, Rockport, Hamilton-Wenham, Marian and Norwell along the way, before losing to Gateway Regional, 1-0 in late November.

"That run was just unbelievable," said Arciero. "I don't know if we ever thought we could do something like that. We knew we were good, but the thought of that never entered our minds because we knew there were a lot of teams who had a lot more skill than us. But we just played harder than everyone else. I think we just pulled it all together that year."

"We definitely had some skilled guys - I mean three other guys from that team are going into the Hall of Fame with me. It was just such an honor to be a part of that team. We had real good chemistry, and (head coach) Dick (Scanlon) always had us laughing and we just had a great time. I think we just

always played so hard, and somehow we kept winning."

After beating previously unbeaten Norwell in the Eastern Mass final, the Wildcats had placed themselves in the Division 3 state championship game. However the first contest was postponed. The second time, the entire team boarded the bus and was heading to BU only to find out it was postponed again. Then the third time, the game was finally played, but on a very cold, snowy night.

"It was the night before Thanksgiving," recalled Arciero. "I remember going to BU and it was snowing out, and it was a real cold, raw night. We were playing on turf for the first time all season, and it was different, but we still had fun. We just couldn't get a goal. But to be in that game, with the other captains, Chris Kilburn and Tom Heigham, guys I played with since fifth and sixth grade, was just unbelievable."

Being the team's sweeper-back, Arciero had a tough chore and tackled that by playing a very physical style of soccer.

"I still can't believe we went that far," he said. "But it was the team that did it, not me. I was out there, and I would do anything I could not to let someone by me, but if you did, I made sure you got a bump and a bruise along the way."

Arciero said the support he got from his teammates, especially defensively, is what made this team so effective.

"We had a good little triangle going with Scott (Swiezynski), Digi and Danny Sweet, and I think more than anything we were just a tough defensive group that came out of nowhere," he said.

Yet now 12 years later, the thoughts of playing that championship game under the lights, does enter his mind from time to time.

"I think about that team and

that game," he said. "When there's snow in the air, or when I drive past a soccer field and I see kids playing, yeah I do think about it. It's too bad that we couldn't win a state title. I don't think you realize at the time how difficult it is to get there."

All of that came after having knee surgery to repair his ACL and MCL in his knee. And just three days after losing in the state championship game, Arciero turned in his soccer uniform for a basketball jersey, and helped the Wildcats win their first ever Cape Ann League title, before defeating Savio Prep in the first round and falling to Weston in the second round of the Division 3 North sectional tournament.

"My senior year I was just trying to get back to my Glory Days of my sophomore year," said Arciero. "I just always loved basketball. Coach (Jim) McCune was so unbelievable to me. When I had surgery, he was calling me all of the time and he was just so great to me, honestly the way he treated me is something I'll never forget."

Arciero earned a spot onto the starting line-up as a guard during his sophomore season. He was terrific that year, as a consistent outside shooter averaging 18 points a game, and was also such a tough defender. Heading into the junior season, he said the hopes were very high.

"I really thought we were going to have, a great, great team that year," he said. "I remember that first state (soccer) tournament game we were playing at Austin Prep, and with five minutes left I heard my knee pop and right away I knew it wasn't good. My knee was all torn up, and surgery had to be done but the doctors said that no more damage could be done if I played, so I tried to play on it as much as I could."

"I tried to play through it with that huge brace on. I remember collapsing as I couldn't put any pressure on

it. It was tough. I don't think I was very effective, but I tried to play through the pain."

McCune said that season, and more particularly the moments Arciero tried to play knowing he wasn't 100 percent.

"Jeff goes down as one of the more courageous players we ever had here," said McCune. "He had a number of ACL injuries and he tried like heck to play and to come back and play from those injuries. His senior year he came back and he still wasn't right, but he was as tough as nails. He was a very competitive player. When he was on, he was lights out. He had a great mind for the game."

Arciero's basketball days came to an end after that loss to Weston, but his days with McCune didn't end. Arciero had planned on playing soccer at Merrimack College, but in the summer leading up to his freshman year, he suffered his second severe knee injury, ending his athletic career. Shortly thereafter he became a member of McCune's staff, and was very instrumental in the team's success.

"I've always said that I think Jeff would be a terrific (basketball) coach," said McCune. "I have tremendous respect for his insight into the game, his ability to evaluate games and players, and I really respected what he said and took to heart how he evaluated our team, our players and the things he did to help our program. His job wouldn't allow him to coach with us anymore, and that was a big, big loss to our program. Jeff was so valuable."

"Throughout the time Jeff spent with us as a coach, I got to know him a lot more than I did when he played for me, where I really didn't get to know Scott (Swiezynski) as well. And both of those kids went on to great schools, and have been very successful, and I think that's a tribute to both of their families. They



Jeff Arciero is one of the newest additions into the WHS Hall of Fame. (courtesy photo).

both come from quality families - parents who support their kids, who are always there, who never interfere with coaches and are supportive with the coaching staff knowing we were there for the best interests of their kids, and that's no accident that Jeff is a Hall of Famer because of his family."

And Jeff certainly agrees with McCune.

"My father (Chris) was a captain on the Bentley basketball team, and he always played basketball with (my brother) Darren and I in the back yard growing up," said Arciero. "My Dad would let us win most of the time, but he was always involved with us whether it was coaching, or just supporting us. My mother (Sandy) was so involved as well - we just had the best support."

"I don't think you realize at the time (playing in high school) how much support and how much time your par-

ents put in to everything in your life. That was really nice always having them at all of my games and always there to support me and Darren."

"I remember my senior year, the starting line-up (on the court) was me and Darren and then Scott and Eric (Swiezynski) with Dennis Ingram. Being a part of four brothers playing was so special. Every night hearing your name and then Darren's name were just really nice moments I'll always remember."

And this past Saturday night, Jeff Arciero heard his name called once again, as an inductee into the Wilmington High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Laying on the ground, some 13 years ago in complete pain, whoever thought that would happen?

## Kerrigan's outstanding career recognized

FROM PAGE SP2W

tremendous linebacker, and also was the team's kicker and punter.

"I have been (in the WHS Football program) for 14 years and Sean is one of the best leaders we've ever had," said Barry. "I will always remember one game. Sean was late getting out to the field, and the team stopped at the gate, and no one would run onto the field until Sean was there to lead them."

It was in baseball where

Kerrigan really left his mark. Playing third base for the Wildcats, he was terrific defensively, with great range, a strong arm and was a very talented line-drive/power hitter. He wore No. 10 and was the team's captain as a senior, was named a Cape Ann League All-Conference player and a Lowell Sun All-Star.

Baseball was a huge part of his life before, during and after his high school days.

Growing up, Sean spent countless mornings on the WHS ball field taking hundreds upon hundreds of groundballs from his father Bill, who would then throw him hundreds of batting practice pitches which Sean belted all around what is now named the Dick Scanlon Memorial Field - named after the coach Sean played so hard for and so well for during his terrific high school career.

Throughout the time of emerging as a talented baseball player, Sean had a great love for the game, collecting thousands of baseball cards, hanging pictures of great players like Mickey Mantle on his wall, and watching the classic movie "The Natural" over and over in the good old VCR.

And it was a concept from that movie that also made Sean Kerrigan stand out more than others. Just like Robert Redford's character Roy Hobbs did in the movie, Sean made his own wooden bats. Sean refused to use aluminum bats, and always had a big grin on his face went he sent the ball over the field or in the outfield gaps, all while using a bat he made during the woodshop classes at WHS.

Kerrigan continued his baseball career playing for UMass-Lowell from 1998 to 2002. There he played third base and outfield, and helped the team reach the NCAA Division 2 College World Series in Alabama two different times. The River Hawks captured the Northeast Region Championship in both 2001 and 2002, and his teammates and coaches described Kerrigan as "a super intense on the field and tough as nails" while giving him a nickname of "Diesel."

While playing at UML, Kerrigan put himself in the

top 20 all time in many statistical categories that still stand today, including sixth for doubles, eighth for home runs, 10th for RBIs and 12th for at bats.

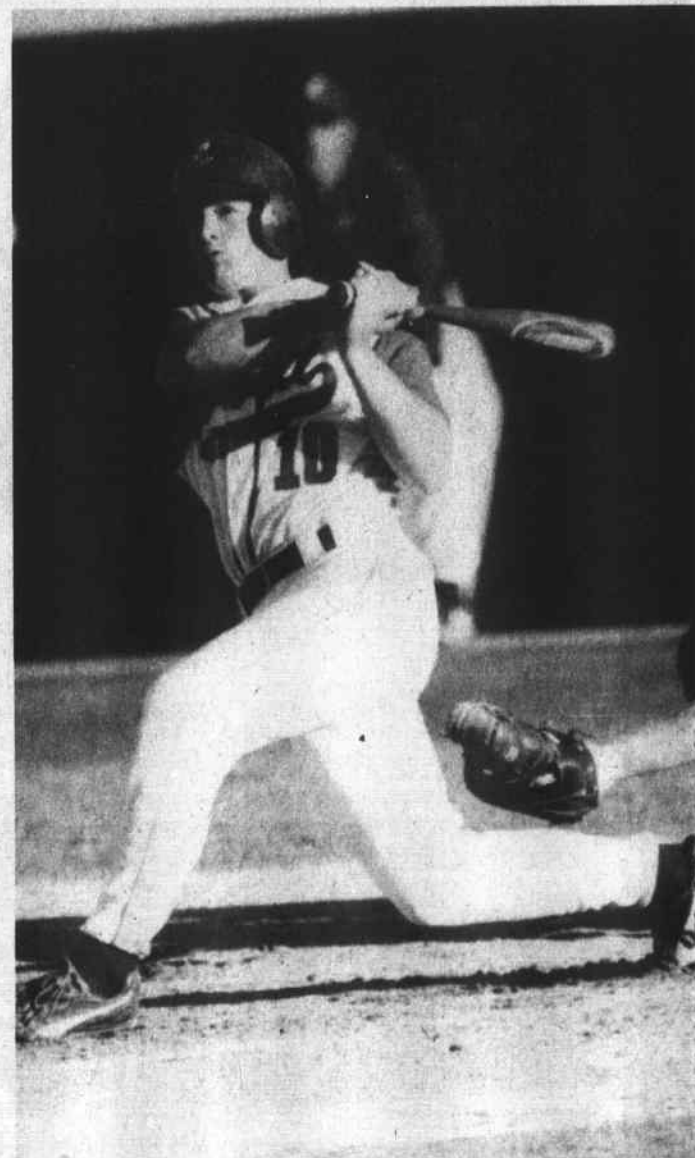
He graduated from UML in 2002 with a Bachelor's Degree in criminal justice.

Kerrigan was also quite the wrestler and just like football, the early days of wrestling the team wasn't all that great in terms of wins and losses. But during the 1997 season, both Kerrigan and Billy Tate became the program's first ever Cape Ann League champions accomplishing the feat on the same day, with Tate at 130 pounds and Kerrigan at 189 pounds. After that title, Kerrigan went on to finish third at the Division 3 Sectional Meet, again competing in the 189-pound division.

"Sean was an exceptional young man," said wrestling coach Mike Pimental. "He was strong as an ox and had the heart of a lion. He was all business during practice and in his matches. He wasn't a team captain, but led by example. Sean was all about 'the team' and would have done whatever it took to better the team."

"He would wrestle up a weight class, stay after practice to help a teammate with technique or to motivate them while they were making weight. Sean was an outstanding member of our wrestling team."

And today Sean Kerrigan is an outstanding member of the Wilmington High School Hall of Fame. He's among one of the best 84 athletes to ever put on a Wildcat uniform. His personality, his athletic career and his life have never or will never be forgotten.



Sean Kerrigan, shown during his days as a baseball player at UML, was inducted into the WHS Hall of Fame on Saturday.

## UML soccer camp, April 19-23

Bryan Scales, first-year head coach of the UMass Lowell men's soccer program, has announced the River Hawk Spring Break Soccer Camp, slated for the school vacation week of Apr. 19-23.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for players aged 6-12 on UMass Lowell's Cushing Field Complex.

Admission is \$100 for the week. The camps will be conducted by Scales and his coaching staff, as well as several members of the 2009-10

River Hawk squad.

Players of all skill levels are welcome. Registration is encouraged to be completed by Apr. 9.

The camp brochure can be obtained by logging on [www.goriverhawks.com](http://www.goriverhawks.com), to the men's soccer team page.

For more information, contact Bryan Scales at the UMass Lowell Men's Soccer Office at 978-934-GOAL, or by e-mail: [bryan\\_scales@uml.edu](mailto:bryan_scales@uml.edu).





# No matter the sport or the position, Catherine was one of a kind

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
Sports Correspondent

To understand just what a remarkable athletic career Catherine Townsend Banda had at Wilmington High, you can start by looking at her accomplishments as a field hockey player for the Wildcats.

The 1998 graduate of Wilmington High was a four-year starter for the Wildcats and a captain in her senior year, while also being named a Cape Ann League All-Star in both her junior and senior seasons.

She was also named a Lowell Sun All-Star in her senior season and played so well that she was selected to play for New-Mass Field Hockey Team, which consisted of select players from New Hampshire and Massachusetts which competed in a national tournament in West Palm Beach Florida and later in Palm Springs California. The Palm Springs team played so well that they captured their division title against some of the best field hockey players in the country.

An impressive career to say the least, but now consider this; Field Hockey was not even her best sport.

That would be softball, where Banda was at times a one woman wrecking crew for the Wildcats, particularly during her junior year when she was named the Cape Ann League MVP. But she was hardly a one-year wonder, as she was also selected as a Merrimack Valley Conference All Star as a freshman, and was a three

time Cape Ann League All Star in her subsequent seasons.

Banda was named a Lowell Sun All-Star in her sophomore, junior and senior years, and was also named Boston Herald All-Scholastic in both her junior and senior years. Her four-year career batting average was a .440 but once again that was not the best part of her game as that came on defense where she was known for her outstanding glove at second base.

It was a brilliant career by any measure, and one that on Saturday night earned Banda election into the Wilmington High Hall of Fame. Her selection was the culmination of years of hard work and dedication to her sports and was very satisfying for one of Wilmington High's all time greats who won her share of individual awards while in high school.

"In high school I did not concentrate too much those kinds of things. I was more humbled by it than anything and it was always just nice to know for myself that all my hard work had paid off," Banda said. "And being elected to the Hall of Fame is such a great honor and once again it makes me feel like hard work really does pay off."

And Banda's hard work before she got to high school certainly paid off for her right from the start with her being named an MVC All-Star in her freshman year. The years of youth softball that she had put in had her ready from the moment she hit the field with the Wildcats.

"I had a lot of experience

going into high school," Banda said. "I used to play about 80 games a year growing up so that prepared me very well for high school."

But nothing could have prepared her or the Wildcats for her exploits during her junior year when she took her game to an even higher level and became MVP of the Cape Ann League. It was a tremendous season, but Banda was still stunned to learn that she had been selected as MVP.

"It helped that I had such a great team around me. That team was just awesome and I remember that everything just seemed to work for me that year," Banda said. "But I can still remember being in the huddle with my teammates and being shocked when coach Lyman told me I had won. I just couldn't believe it."

Not as surprised by her selection at the time was the man who delivered the news, Wilmington High Hall of Fame coach Paul Lyman. He knew what a great player he had back then and looking back he can still remember what it was like having an athlete such as Catherine on his team.

"Catherine was versatile and competitive," Lyman said. "She played many positions during her career including pitcher, outfield and third base before settling in at second base for her junior and senior years. She was a coach's dream, being able to move her almost anywhere and knowing the job would get done. She was always a good hitter, and she could play anywhere in the line-up

and be not only effective, but dangerous."

Also in the huddle the day she received her MVP news were two of this year's other Hall of Fame inductees, teammate Julie Gillis Santini as well as Catherine's father, Jake Townsend who was an assistant coach with the team.

So on the day when she received the news that she had been elected to the Hall of Fame, the only thin that could have made it better for Banda was finding out that she was going in with her dad and with Santini.

"I was completely honored to be selected and excited and surprised. All of those things," Banda laughed. "But it was most exciting because it is so nice to go in with my dad. That was just really special, and Julie was one of my favorite teammates and just an awesome player."

And while playing with her father as an assistant coach could certainly have put some additional pressure on Banda, she never felt that way, mainly due to her father's approach while coaching her.

"During games and stuff like that he would try not to focus on me," Banda said. "He would of course if he had to, but he tried not to. I really enjoyed playing for him and I especially enjoy now being able to look back on those experiences."

Banda fondly recalls her playing days under Lyman as well. Having gone on to coach at the high school level as well, as an assistant softball coach first at Billerica

High from 2002 through 2006 and then at Shawsheen Tech from 2006-2008, she has come to appreciate even more the job that Lyman did with her team.

"Looking back on it he was a great coach," Banda said. "He knew the game inside and out and he did a great job with us. I loved playing for him."

And Banda tried to bring some of the lessons she learned from Lyman to her own coaching experiences while assisting Patty Higgins in at Billerica High and Maureen Buckley at Shawsheen Tech.

"Absolutely it helped me," Banda said. "Just instilling in the girls the hard work and discipline that I remember. It is very important nowadays and the coaches I have coached with all held those as important things as well."

While her dad was officially an assistant coach during Catherine's time with the softball team, her mom, Puckin, held the same position in a somewhat less official capacity with the field hockey team, volunteering and helping out the team as much as possible.

Banda credits her parents' involvement in her sports as a big reason for her success as well as her enjoyment of sports.

"It was awesome having them as parents because they steered me in the right direction," Banda said. "You never know if your parents did not point you in the right direction how things might have turned out. They were never overbearing, they were



just always there for me." Banda is now always there for two children of her own, two year old twin sons Eric and Jake, and she and her husband Eric are expecting their third baby boy in just a couple of weeks. While she does not have time to continue her coaching career, she is very much still involved in helping out other kids as well, as a Special Education teacher at Shawsheen Tech.

On Saturday night at the Hall of Fame ceremony Banda had the chance to see and thank some of those who helped her reach her athletic heights.

"It was a lot of fun just seeing people I had not seen in ten years in some cases," Banda said. "And just being able to say thank you to a lot of people meant a lot to me."

## Assistant coach Townsend always there to lend a hand

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
Sports Correspondent

Chances are if you were following the great success of the Wilmington High softball team during the 1990's you became familiar with the names of a lot of great players as well as Hall of Fame coach Paul Lyman as the Wildcats captured the state title in 1994 and had many other very successful seasons throughout the decade.

One name you probably did not hear very often, if at all was probably that of assistant coach Jake Townsend. That's no big surprise, generally assistant coaches don't get their names in the paper. But the fact of the matter is that Jake Townsend was not just an assistant coach to the girls of the Wilmington High softball team.

Townsend, in fact, was one of the main reasons the Wildcats were as successful as they were through his efforts not just as an assistant coach, but as one of the founders, along with Bob Surran, Paul Lyman, Jay Neale and Jim Gillis of the very successful Wildcat ASA teams of the 90's. These teams consisted of Under 12, 14 and 16 year olds that competed all over the state.

These teams helped prepare future and current Wildcat high school players for varsity competition.

Townsend was also a huge help to the softball program

off the field, having donated much time and money to the program. He designed, built and donated pitching cages and batting machines and balls for the teams and turned his business, Townsend Welding Company, into a training facility for the players.

For all of his contributions to the WHS softball program, Townsend was elected last Saturday night to the WHS Hall of Fame.

According to Hall of Fame coach Paul Lyman, whom Jake worked under as an assistant, it is a very well deserved honor.

"Other than the players, the best thing to happen to Wilmington High softball during the 90's was Jake Townsend. Jake was always overly generous to the girls and the program," Lyman said. "He was always pushing them to be better yet always knew where to draw the line to make sure they were having fun and keeping it all in perspective."

"While I was always barking at the girls to get production, Jake stayed calm and gave direction. We would not have been so successful in the 90's without his generosity and his knowledge of the game."

For Townsend himself, he was very proud of his contributions to the Wildcats success, but he also notes that he enjoyed his time at least as much as the girls did.

"I was an assistant for ten years and I had a lot of fun for all ten years," Townsend said. "It was great to work with Paul Lyman and with the ASA program we built from the ground up and won a lot of championships. We worked with the kids from the time they were ten years old so by the time they got to high school they were ready to play."



Along with his coaching, Townsend may have been even more helpful with the donation of the batting and pitching machines which gave the Wildcats an advantage that other schools simply did not have.

"I built them around 1991 or '92 and I had cages that could throw curve balls and change ups after fastballs," Townsend said. "It was real-

ly great for the girls. It was a big advantage for us. When we started Wilmington was just starting to build the softball program, but we built these cages and all of a sudden we went to the head of the class."

Townsend also went a step further to help the team as well, painting the floors of his Townsend Welding Company green and marking off dis-

else. What we would also do was time the pitchers with a radar gun so we would know how quickly they could get the ball to the plate so we could work on our timing."

Townsend has many great memories of his time with the Wildcats, but perhaps the greatest of all was the state championship in 1994. It was a long season with the trek through the tournament, but with the team he had around him it seemed to fly by.

"It's hard to get to that final game," Townsend said. "You've got to win your sectional, then beat a team from the south and another team from the western part of the state. It can be a very long season, but our girls were really great athletes and they loved to play. It was a lot of fun."

Also making his tenure as an assistant coach enjoyable was his relationship with Lyman. Lyman was known as a bit more of a taskmaster to Townsend's more easygoing approach, but together they made a great pair and it obviously paid off in the results.

"Paul was a very good tactician. He always knew what he was doing and we worked very well together," Townsend said. "We always knew what the other wanted to do. Paul was a little more temperamental than me, but no more competitive. I am quite sure we could do it again and be

successful again if we ever had the chance."

After the championship season, Townsend continued to coach throughout the 90's including coaching his daughter Catherine, who graduated in 1998 and was elected to the Hall of Fame along with Jake this year. His honor in being selected himself was easily surpassed by his pride in Catherine's selection.

"It is real nice going in at the same time as my daughter," Townsend said. "I am very proud of what she has done. She worked on her game in the off seasons and just kept working at it all through high school. She earned it. I think it was kind of tough for her to have her dad as an assistant coach, but she did not let it bother her and just did a great job for the team."

As for his own induction into the Hall, Townsend was very honored, but also kept in perspective what meant most to him about what he has done for Wilmington High.

"I was thrilled to be selected, but I really did not want any accolades," Townsend said. "I did things because I wanted to. I did not want rewards. For me the most fun was just making people happy and seeing the kids do well."

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# A year after leaving the post, McCune gets the call

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But if you know Jimmy McCune at all as a person and especially as a coach, awards, personal achievements and all of that has nothing to do with the make-up he has when he comes into practice with a whistle, or when he has a clipboard during a timeout with five players in front of him.

"It's nice to get the recognition and it's nice that the program gets recognition, but (the Hall of Fame) is not what I was in it for," he said. "It's great to go in with all of these deserving people and it's a nice honor, but (the feelings I have are) hard to explain. I guess I'd rather be coaching."

His coaching career started out at St. Clement's High School in Somerville where he compiled 94 victories, before coming to WHS in the winter of 1989, when the program was a member of the Merrimack Valley Conference. His teams struggled while competing in the MVC, but the Wildcats qualified for the state tournament twice in the six years under McCune before the entire athletic program shifted gears to the Cape Ann League in the fall of 1995.

In the 1991-'92 season, Wilmington finished 12-8 and enjoyed a state tournament win over Boston Latin before losing to Charlestown, and then in 1995 the Wildcats finished 10-10 and lost in the first round of the tournament to Weston. That was the start of 13 state tournament appearances over the next 14 years, winning a first round game all 13 times, and reaching the sectional final three times in 2002, 2004 and 2008.

"As a basketball coach, there's no one better in the state than Jimmy," said long time assistant coach Tommy Woods last year when McCune officially resigned. "If you can find me a better basketball coach in Massachusetts than Jimmy, than my hats are off to you. What he's done with the Wilmington kids and this program is just incredible. This program was a doormat and now it's probably the most

quality program in the state. I can't say enough about Jimmy as a basketball coach."

The basketball program had tremendous success while competing in the Cape Ann League. Wilmington won seven straight league titles from 2002 to 2008, and took those three special trips to try to capture the program's first ever sectional title. In 2002, the Wildcats were defeated by Lynn Tech, 73-57 in the sectional final played at Salem State College.

"Anytime you can make it that far says a lot," said McCune last March when he resigned. "That first time in 2002 - that team was the best team I've ever had in any place I've been at, and I don't think I'll have another team like that if I ever again. That was just a very rare group of kids who worked very well together."

That season was highlighted by the dramatic come from behind win over North Cambridge Catholic in the semi-finals played at Wakefield High School.

"That game against North Cambridge Catholic was probably our greatest achievement and the greatest win. We just happened to run into a buzzsaw (with Lynn Tech in the final). The shame of it all, is that team could have been a state champion. If we had run into any other team than Lynn Tech, or if that team came in any other year, they are winning a state championship. They were that good - they really were."

Two years later the Wildcats were back in the sectional final after posting tournament wins over Wayland, Greater Lawrence and Shawsheen Tech, before losing by four points to Lynn Tech again in the sectional final.

"That team was just as good (as 2002)," said McCune last March. "They weren't as good offensively, but they were better defensively. They were a tough team that really got after it."

Four years after that, McCune's team tried for the



third time - this time they met up against the eventual Division 3 state champions of Watertown, who knocked out Wilmington at the Tsongas Arena back in March of 2008 after Wilmington pulled out a huge upset overtime victory over Bishop Fenwick in the semi-finals.

"That team just picked a bad day to play one of our worst games of the season," said McCune back last March. "I felt really good coming into that game. I thought we were playing really well. One of the things that I was never really worried about with our team was the pressure, and that is what killed us that day (in the sectional final). We couldn't handle their press and that was surprising to me because I always liked when teams tried to press us."

Those three losses meant Wilmington fell three wins away each time of capturing the ultimate goal - a state championship title.

"Those three (sectional appearances) were very, very special moments, but also disappointing because when it's all said and done, you sit back and think of how close we were to being one of the elite programs out there. I (left Wilmington) very disappointed that I wasn't able to get us

beyond that sectional final game. It's very kid's dream to play in the state final game and it's my dream to be able to coach in that game."

Ask McCune today about his highlights over the 20 years and many other things come to mind, not just the sectional final appearances.

"I hate to signal one moment because there were so many good ones over the 20 years," he said. "And some of them didn't even happen with our best teams. I remember the year that we didn't make the tournament (in 1999) I remember (former player) Rob Perkins taking a charge. We were 7-12 and playing at Triton in the last game of the season. And this Triton kid was at half court dribbling and running right at Rob Perkins, and he took a charge. I remember that and I can see that play as clear as day."

That style of play of taking a charge, or diving on the floor for a loose ball no matter the score was the way McCune coached, and he demanded that out of every single one of his players.

"I say this to my (own) kids all of the time," explained McCune. "Did you win the game? Did you give it the best you had? Did you play as hard as you could and did you do it the right way? If you did all of that, then the success would take care of itself."

Two of McCune's former players from that first ever Cape Ann League Championship team, Jeff Arciero and Scott Swiezynski, both explained what it was like to play for McCune.

"Coach McCune never treated his players like we were kids," said Swiezynski. "He treated us like we were men - he would just say what he expected to get out of you, and he taught you discipline, how to be tough and just how to have such a great work ethic."

Said Arciero: "Coach McCune was always intense whether you played for him, or if you coached with him. When I coached with him, I appreciat-

ed how much time he really put in to that program and how much preparation he put into every game. He loved being in that gym with those kids. He has such a great basketball mind. The thing with playing for him is you have to play hard and put everything you have on the floor - if you do that, you'll play and you'll be successful. Scotty and I busted our butts for him and that's why we enjoyed the experience so much. He was such a great guy to play for."

McCune has said many times to the Town Crier over the years the amount of appreciation he has for his student-athletes who did work their butts off for him. He also constantly pinpointed the amount of help he received from his coaching staff, and former athletic director Jimmy Gillis.

"I do recognize that people do want to recognize the program, and when you do that, there are so many people were involved with the success," said McCune. "First of all it doesn't happen without the players. They are the ones who play, they are the ones who put the hard work in to improve as individuals and as a team, and they are the ones who are out there winning the games. Then there's the assistant coaches, Tommy, Joe (Maiella), Larry (Keating), Dennis (Ingram), Jeff, Jim Cataldo, (Jay) Keane and Mark (Antonelli) were so great - a bunch of them went on to become head coaches, and we just worked as a collaborative unit."

"And Jimmy Gillis I owe a lot too. He taught me quite a bit on how to be a coach, and how to treat people. I learned a great deal from him, and he was a true mentor. When I got here let's just say it was 'my way or the highway' and Jimmy was such an advisor to me helping me change that. He contributed to not only my growth as a basketball coach, but as a human being and I'm forever grateful to him for that."

Since retiring from his position at WHS, McCune took a year off from coaching and

became a subvarsity level high school basketball official, which he says has carried on his growth in the sport he loves so much.

"I actually really enjoy it," he said. "As a ref, you see things from the other side that you never saw before. The temptation of going back to coaching will always be there, but this year it wasn't there. I have maintained a lot of contacts and I've met a lot of new people, some I was always yelling at in years past and now they are my friends, who are helping me learning about a different part of the game. Plus this has helped me get into better physical shape, and it's just been such a good experience."

McCune said that he doesn't know if he will ever coach again, noting that "if the interest is there and the right opportunity presents itself then I'll look into it". But until then it was 20 terrific years at WHS.

"Wilmington is a great place to coach and when I look back I remember 20 great years," he said. "But times change, and towards the end of it, we coached kids differently than we did at the beginning. We had to make those changes, but I think we were pretty consistent on our beliefs from the beginning to the end. It was a great 20-year run - it's a great place to coach from the administration, to the type of kids you got and from the types of families that came from. Getting into the Hall of Fame is a nice touch, especially going in with two of the captains from the first league championship team. That 1998 team is the only team picture I have, and it's on the table next to where I sleep every night."

And when he looks every time from here on out, Jim McCune is proud knowing that two of those kids within that frame are two current Wilmington High School Hall of Fame Athletes, and that means much more to him than his own induction.

## Scott Swiezynski certainly epitomized the words 'student-athlete'

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those long bus rides. Swiezynski then look right at fellow teammates and Hall of Famers Mark DiGiovanni, Justin Vallas and Jeff Arciero and spoke about the memories he had playing with them, and expressing "I love you guys". He then looked at his brother Eric and said how much he enjoyed playing that one basketball season together. Then he capped his speech off by looking at his father, thanking him for being the wonderful person he is, only to embrace him with a very heart-felt hug.

That night, just like his academic and athletic career, Swiezynski was all about class, dignity and humility.

"I was really surprised and never expected anything like this," he said. "When I got the phone call, I was just super surprised and that's the best way to describe it because something like this never crossed my mind. If it did, it probably wouldn't have happened until I was old and gray. But this is pretty cool. It just seems like it was all a different lifetime ago, but what I do remember are a lot of great memories."

This past December, Ernie Mello was given the Town Crier's Male Athlete of the Decade, and most of that recognition was for what he and his teams accomplished during his senior season. Swiezynski, who was the Town Crier's Male Athlete of the Year in 1997, also accomplished incredible feats during three athletic seasons starting from the soccer field to the basketball court and to the baseball diamond, all the while being a tremendous student inside the halls of WHS.

During that senior season, Swiezynski was a fullback on the soccer team that won its first Cape Ann League title, won the program's second Division 3 North section crown, won its first ever Division 3 Eastern Mass crown and went to the program's first ever state championship game.

Then in basketball, he helped the Wildcats win its first ever Cape Ann League title, and advance to the second round of the state tournament. In that second round loss, Swiezynski walked off the court playing in his final game and finishing

with 873 points, falling just shy of the 1,000 point plateau and becoming one of the program's all-time leading scorers.

Then in baseball the story gets crazy - Swiezynski was 10-0 with a 1.23 ERA during his senior season, and helped lead the Wildcats to the Division 3 North sectional crown, and to the Eastern Mass final, losing to eventual state champion Bishop Stang, who went on to win the title while playing at Fenway Park. And while he was 10-0 in the season, he was matched up against three other terrific pitchers in the league, including Erik Drown, who got drafted and pitched in the St. Louis Cardinals organization.

During that week that Swiezynski and the rest of the Wildcats were officially eliminated by Bishop Stang in the Eastern Mass final played in Lowell, Swiezynski continued to pick up lots of hardware, but this time through academics. Swiezynski was a two-year member of the National Honor Society, who graduated fifth in his class and served as the class Vice President, and student representative to the school committee. During his senior year, he was a peer mediator and traveled to Denver to participate in the national DECA competition in marketing and management. All of that helped him receive the Thomas Holmes Scholarship to the University of Missouri-Rolla (now the Missouri University of Science and Technology) and the McKeown Scholarship by the Cummings Property Foundation.

In addition, Swiezynski was named the WHS Most Outstanding Male Athlete and was awarded the Joseph H. Woods, Jr. Memorial Award for his courage, discipline and tenacity on the athletic fields, while also being named the Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award for outstanding scholarship and athletic ability.

The personal awards and that stuff have always been on the backburner for Swiezynski, whether it was 13 years ago, or today as the Vice President with Wells Fargo Advisors in St. Louis, where he currently resides with his wife, Nancy.

"Looking back what we did

our senior year with Dick (Scanlon) making the state finals in soccer jumps out to me," he said. "That team really got along so well and the camaraderie we had was special. We had to overcome a lot, and I know I have a lot of other bigger memories too like my senior year in basketball, and playing with my brother Eric, and playing with the two Arcieros (Jeff and Darren) and stuff like that."

How about an 18-strikeout, no-hitter against Georgetown during the middle of your senior baseball season? That must stick out.

"It's funny because I remember snap shots of that game, but I don't remember outs or anything like that," he said. "All of that is just a blur to me. I remember during the game guys were talking about it, and when it happened it was like 'Oh My God wow' but I don't remember if we really celebrated or how I got the last guy out."

"Looking back you remember the feelings you had but the actual events are all kind of a blur. It's hard to remember the details. The things I really remember are my teammates, being on those teams, the bus rides and the coaches - the innings I pitched or the games we won all run together. For me, it was about my teammates and coaches and being with them."

Swiezynski finished his junior year with a 5-3 record on the mound for the baseball team, before going 10-0 as a senior including notching several wins in the state tournament with gutsy performances to help the Wildcats reach the Division 3 state semi-final game.

"That just snuck up on us," he said. "Well I know it did for me. It just seemed like I pitched every single day, and inning after inning after inning. But I wanted to do that - but being out there, with the guys was what it was all about."

During his senior year, Swiezynski, a co-captain, was named a Cape Ann League All-Conference selection, a Lowell Sun All-Star and played in the Agganis All-Star Baseball game.

In soccer, Swiezynski was a part of the defensive line with

fellow Hall of Famers Jeff Arciero and Mark DiGiovanni, who were so tough on that back line. That 1997 team finished 17-4-3 overall which included a league title and five state tournament wins before falling to Gateway Regional, 1-0 in the Division 3 state championship game played at Boston University's Nickerson Field.

"We didn't expect that," said Swiezynski. "We all grew up, and played together for so long. But we were just a scrappy bunch and we didn't have the best skills but I think we knew how to win. And playing for Dick - that's what sticks out in my mind. Just having so much fun playing for him. I think once we got into the playoffs, we figured out how to win and just continued to do it."

"And once we got to BU, playing on the turf for the first time was interesting, and playing on a cold night with the snow - but once we got there it was like 'how did we get to this point' and then we lost such a heartwrenching 1-0 game."

Basketball was always Swiezynski's No. 1 sport in his heart, although his best sport talent wise was baseball, which was proven when he pitched four years at UMR and ranked seventh in the program's history in all-time games pitched. But it was on the basketball courts where he spent so many hours as a kid taking shots, and improving on his game.

"Basketball was always such a big part of my life," he said. "And when I got a chance to play varsity in my freshman year, playing with those kids and playing in the Merrimack Valley Conference was incredible - I kept saying to myself 'what am I doing here?' But it was a chance for me to make something happen, try to get the most of it and play for such a great person in coach (Jim) McCune."

All four years Swiezynski was a member of the basketball team, the Wildcats reached the state tournament, losing in the first round to Weston his freshman year, before winning the first round game in each of the next three years before falling all three times in the quarterfinals to Amesbury, Weston and Lynn Tech, respectively.

Throughout that time, Swiezynski was a tremendous

presence in the paint, always scoring in the double digits, grabbing rebounds at both ends of the court, playing tough defense and displaying great leadership by example - all out every second on the floor.

When his career was over, he was named a Knights of Columbus MVP during his junior year, was named the team's MVP his senior year, was twice named a Lowell Sun All-Star and was also named to the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association's All-Academic team.

"Scott was a very consistent and steady player for us," said McCune. "He was very good offensively and defensively, and rebounding not just his senior year but throughout his entire career."

But McCune added that one other thing stood out when it came to Swiezynski.

"Scott was a very underrated player for us and I think a lot of that has to do with the attention that his brother (Eric) got. The talk was always that Eric had the ability to be an impact player, and throughout that time, Scott was able to fly under the radar. As a basketball player, Scott was so effective for us. He wasn't flashy, mechanical or even all that great athletically, but at the end of every game, he had double figures in points and rebounds."

When asked if Scott agreed with McCune about all of the attention Eric was getting while he was in junior high and Scott was up with the Big Boys, Scott really cracked up laughing.

"Eric was a much better basketball player than me," he said. "Maybe not ten times better, but he was a much more well-rounded player than I was. I knew what I was good at and I just tried to focus on that. But I do know that there wasn't a better guy to have in your three-spot during your season year than Eric."

Eric went on to become a 1,000 point scorer, a Boston Herald All-Scholastic and then scored over 1,000 points during a terrific career playing at St. Michael's College in Maine.

"I was older so I never got a chance to play with Eric until my senior year and playing

with him that year meant so much to me," he said. "I think one of the best memories I have (from my playing days at WHS) is how all of my family, members came to all of the games, especially basketball. It just meant a lot to me, and I know it was exciting for them to be there and they enjoyed it. It helped bring the entire family together even more, and I think that helped both Eric and I grow as people and we just both really enjoyed those experiences with them supporting us."

When Scott was four years old and Eric was about 18 months old, their mother Diane passed away, and basically both boys grew up without a mother.

"It was in 1984, I was four and Eric was just a baby when that happened," recalled Scott. "But we had such a great support system between our grandparents, aunts and uncles and both of us have been so lucky and it's hard to describe how tough and how hard that was for all of us, especially my Dad. But I think sports definitely helped us - it helped us with discipline, and it was also something we had to gather at the roundtable and talk about basketball and it got the family excited."

Jim Swiezynski was a three-sport athlete himself playing soccer, basketball and baseball at Phillips Exeter in New Hampshire and then on to play athletically at UNH. Then after starting his own family, he became a tremendous home-run hitter playing softball for the Lions Club team down at Aprile Field, before putting up the spikes and watching his two sons play on their own.

"My Dad is the best and I couldn't possibly ask for anything better," said Scott. "He is just such a great guy, who is totally selfless."

Scott was the exact same way, totally selfless, when he played sports at WHS. And he was especially that same way, when he gave his speech as one of the newest members into the Wilmington High School's Hall of Fame - he did it with class, dignity and with humility.



# DiGiovanni never stopped living his dreams

By JAMIE POTE  
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Just like the other Hall of Fame inductees, Mark DiGiovanni played on many great teams, and finished with a long list of personal and team accomplishments. But his story is much different than the other new inductees for a handful of reasons.

For one he has been involved with WHS sports in some capacity for over 20 years now. Secondly, in one of three sports he excelled in, hockey, he had just two years of experience before getting to the WHS program, and couldn't even stop on the ice. By the time his career finished, he fell four points shy of becoming the fifth player in the history of the program to reach the 100-point plateau. Then there's the aftermath where he has served on the WHS Hall of Fame Committee for several years now, and having that very uncomfortable feeling of first being nominated, having your stats and accomplishments discussed before you, then knowing your peers voted on you, and then being recognized as both a committee member and a new inductee all in the same night.

"When I was on the School Committee I was asked to assist on the Hall of Fame Committee and I said sure, anything to help out, so I never expected to get into it or anything like that," he said. "The committee is a bunch of great people. Jimmy Gillis presented my case, and yeah it was different and kind of weird, but for me I was just honored to be brought up with such a group of great athletes. It's humbling and it's neat, but to be honest I never expected this."

DiGiovanni earned 12 varsity letters at WHS, four each in soccer, ice hockey and track-and-field, while also could have easily have been a very good tennis player had he not put his racquet away

for the track shoes.

On the soccer field he was a part of two teams that won sectional championship titles, one team that lost in the state final and another that lost in the Eastern Mass Final. In hockey, he was part of a dynamic forward line that combined to score 248 points in two seasons together. And then in track-and-field, he was a sprinter, mostly competing in relay races and was part of two teams that placed in the top six at the Class D State Meet.

On top of that, DiGiovanni was quite the student. He was a member of the National Honor Society, was a four-year Class President, was the recipient of the prestigious Pau Revere Bowl for his outstanding dedication to WHS. He was also awarded the U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award, and the Lawrence H. Cushing Award, given to the senior who demonstrates sportsmanship, scholarship, and the athletic ability at WHS.

After graduating from WHS in 1999, DiGiovanni went on to Babson College, and earned his bachelor's degree, before getting his Master's Degree in Business Administration several years later at Bentley College. He also played soccer all four years at Babson College and has since served on the Wilmington School Committee, and now on the Hall of Fame Committee.

And all of this started back when he was ten years old. In 1990, he was the ballboy for the WHS Boys Soccer team, that reached the Division 3 Eastern Mass Championship losing to Medway. Mark's oldest brother Kevin was a captain of that team, and Mark was the little kid on the sidelines hustling to get the balls that went into the woods, and there to give players like his brother, John Lynch and John Martins high-fives during the great state tournament run.

"That was really interesting," said DiGiovanni. "I was



with Dick (Scanlon) for all of those years and going to the summer sessions back then, I just couldn't wait to get older and play soccer for the team and for Dick. I think being a ballboy planted that seed. I remember when Kevin held up the sectional trophy, and I wanted to be able to have that chance to do the same thing." He did.

During DiGiovanni's junior year, he played defense along with fellow Hall of Famers Jeff Arciero and Scott Swiezynski and helped lead the team to its first ever Cape Ann League Championship title with a 12-3-3 regular season record. Then in the state tournament, Wilmington defeated Wayland, Rockport and Hamilton-Wenham, before tackling Marian for the Division 3 North Sectional Championship title. Wilmington went on to defeat an unbeaten Norwell team in the Eastern Mass final, before falling to Gateway Regional, 1-0 in the program's first ever state championship game.

During that season, a handful of times, Scanlon would utilize DiGiovanni's versatility and finesse, as he would take his fullback and move him up to play center mid-field if the team needed a goal or a spark, and it worked on a number of occasions as DiGi set up or scored a number of clutch goals during the entire season, and especially in the state tournament run.

Scanlon continued to take advantage of that versatility the following season. Arciero, the Boston Globe's Division 3 Player of the Year, graduated and DiGiovanni was then inserted as the team's sweeper-back. All that team did was finish the regular season winning its final five games, before rolling in the state tournament with wins over Arlington Catholic, Bishop Fenwick and Danvers, before taking on Weston to win the team's second straight sectional title where Mark was able to celebrate, by holding the championship trophy just like his brother did eight years earlier.

A few days later, Mark and the rest of his teammates thought they would be holding up another championship trophy, taking on the same Medway team that the 1990 team took on in the same Eastern Mass Championship bout. When Dennis Ingram scored with 52 seconds left, a trip to the state championship game for the second straight year seemed to be a lock. But Medway came right down the field, scored a goal, before scoring the game winner in the opening minute of the overtime frame, for an incredible win for Medway, and a horrific, pain filled loss that has forever haunted the members of the soccer team.

"That was the worse loss of my career," said DiGiovanni. "It was such a heartbreaking loss - just unreal and so bad. I mean I have a lot of great memories from those soccer years, but that loss still hurts."

DiGiovanni took the free kick from midfield which eventually led to Ingram's goal, and then was on the field when Medway scored both goals.

"Everything just happened so fast," he recalled. "They came down the field and there should have been a foul call on one of our players and it should have been a dead ball. But then they got behind us, and Dick said they were off-sides and that wasn't called either, and they scored the tying goal. Then they got the other one on a low hard shot to the corner. But that (Medway) team was really good. They had one player who went on to play for the US Junior Team. We really struggled against them in the first half. I just wish we could have done something differently - taken a timeout, try to calm everyone down (after we scored). But I don't think they had timeouts in games back then."

When his soccer career was over after that defeat, DiGiovanni finished as the

Team's MVP, the US Army Reserve MVP, a Cape Ann League All-Conference selection, a Lowell Sun All-Star, and Sons of Italy, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts' Athletic Achievement Award.

The awards and accomplishments carried over in the ice arenas. DiGiovanni was a pond skater, until he joined the Pee Wee Youth Hockey team when he was in middle school, playing organized hockey for the first time, where he could skate really fast, but really struggled trying to stop.

"In 1993 I started to skate for the first time," he said. "I was a pond skater, we learned by playing at the end of Draper Drive. I had fun with it - and there were a lot of great skaters who we played with, so I just kept working on it, and I developed a great passion for the game."

DiGiovanni added that one week spent at a hockey camp really helped him, and more importantly his confidence.

"I was at a power skating clinic and it was for two weeks," he said. "I remember at the end of the each week they had a fastest skating competition and I ended up winning both races and that gave me a lot of confidence. It was up until my sophomore year where I had trouble stopping. I remember doing a drill once at a high school practice where you had to stop at every line and change direction. I kept stopping on the same side, and not changing direction and Steve (Scanlon) got all over me. But that was good - both Steve and Chip (Bruce) really pushed me and were great to play for. Playing hockey was the best decision I ever made."

DiGiovanni was part of the trio line with Justin Vallas and Shawn Haubner, who combined for 248 points in just 45 games. They helped

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# White, others, continue to excel for UML

By DAN IGO  
Sports Correspondent

Winter might have turned into Spring and the venue is now outdoor instead of indoor, but one thing that hasn't changed is Evan White's dominance on the track at UMass Lowell.

The freshman sprinter from Tewksbury won the 200 meter dash at the Northeastern Husky Spring Invitational held on Saturday. His time of 21.76 is just 0.22 seconds away from the school record, which was set in 1976.

White also placed second overall in the 100 meters with a time of 10.99. That time was tops among college athletes.

White set a school record in the 200 meters during the indoor season. The River Hawks will next compete in the Jim Sheehan Invitational at Fitchburg State College on Apr. 3.

Two Tewksbury female athletes also stood out for the UMass Lowell women's track team over the weekend.

Sarah Bonomo and Nicole Skotz both traveled down to Orlando to compete in the Walt Disney World Invitational. Bonomo, a junior, finished in fourth place in the 1,500 meters with a time of 5:03.33. Skotz, a freshman, finished in sixth place in the same event with a time of 5:09.44.

The female River Hawks also have this week off and won't compete until the Jim Sheehan Invitational.

Two local baseball players faced off on Sunday in a game that got out of hand rather quickly. Tewksbury's Mike DelPonte and the Bryant baseball team crushed Brendan Stokes' Northeastern Huskies 16-4.

DelPonte, a sophomore from Tewksbury, was a pinch-hitter in the game and went 1-for-1 with a walk. Stokes, a senior first baseman from Tewksbury, went 1-for-3 with a run in the loss.

Wilmington's Carlton Lentini has been racking up the RBIs in Lasell College's first few games of the year, but unfortunately it hasn't translated to wins.

The sophomore shortstop has a team-leading nine RBIs in five games so far this season, but the Lasers sport a record of 0-5. Lentini has gone 4-for-19 in these games with three runs to go along with the nine RBIs. The Lasers will try to end their losing streak at their home opener Wednesday against Wentworth.

Al Montalto is another Wilmington native who's been seeing some quality time on the collegiate baseball diamond.

The senior infielder has started all eight of his team's games this year, leading the Bison with five stolen bases. He is batting .250 with five runs and two RBI. Nichols has a record of 4-5 and will have their home opener against WPI on Wednesday.

Erin McMahon was perfect for the Merrimack women's tennis team on Sunday as she won her singles match 6-0, 6-0 against American International College.

The freshman from Wilmington was a major part why the Warriors swept AIC 6-0 as the entire team only let up two points.

The win was McMahon's first in her college career. She and her teammates will travel to Adelphi on Saturday.

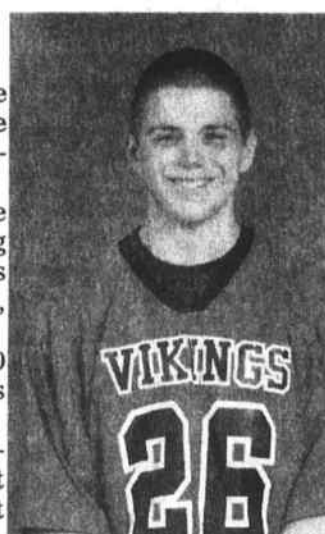
Two local lacrosse players are seeing action for Salem State this spring. Tewksbury's Jesse Fentross and Wilmington's Ryan Savini are both freshmen for the Vikings.

Fentross, a defensive midfielder, has played in all four of his team's games this year. He has scored one goal on only one shot. Savini, a midfielder, has also scored one goal in three games, one of which he started.

The Vikings are 3-2 this year. They are off until next Wednesday when they play Mass Maritime Academy.

Four Wilmington runners made the trek down south to compete in the New Bedford Half-Marathon on Sunday. Simonetta Piergentili finished in 181st place with a time of 1:22:22. John Gorvin's time of 1:34:30 placed him 485th. Thomas Peterson finished in 903rd place with a time of 1:46:09. Roberta Cook crossed the line in 1236th place with a time of 1:54:22.

The "Irish Feet are Running Five Miler" will be held on Sunday in Lowell at 12 pm. All information on the race can be found here:



JESSE FENTROSS



ERIN MCMAHON



RYAN SAVINI

<http://irishfeetareunning.com/>

Tewksbury Youth Football has released information for its 2010 scholarship program. The league will be awarding up to 12 scholarships this year to graduating seniors. Applications must be postmarked by April 27th. More information can be found on the league's Web site: <http://www.eteamz.com/TewksburyYouthFootball/index.cfm>.

Tewksbury Youth Football also has head coach openings in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions. Visit the league's Web site if you are interested.

Applications are available for scholarships from Tewksbury Youth Baseball. All information can be found here: <http://www.eteamz.com/tewksburybaseball/>.

The Tewksbury Boys Basketball League is holding its second day of registrations for the 2010-11 season at the Ryan School this Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. More information can be found at the league's Web site: <http://www.eteamz.com/tbbl/index.cfm>. Travel tryouts will be held on April 9th and April 14th. More information on those tryouts will be available at the registration.

Tewksbury Youth Soccer's "5th Annual Frasca Fields Improvement Day" will be held this Saturday. For more information, visit the league's Web site at: <http://www.tewksburyyouthsoccer.org/>.

The Tewksbury Youth Skating Association's will be holding its annual meeting and election night for open Board of Director positions on June 1, 2010. Applications for available positions can be found at the league's Web site: <http://www.tysaredmen.com/>. The league has also posted its tryout schedule, which is also found on the site.

The annual Tewksbury Girls Basketball banquet will be held on April 1st at the Wynn Middle School cafeteria at 6 pm.

Tewksbury Girls Softball is holding its draft this Wednesday at the Tewksbury Public Library. The league has also posted a practice schedule at its Web site: <http://www.eteamz.com/tgs/>.

Registration for the 2010-11 season of the Wilmington Youth Hockey Association are now open. Tryouts will be held during the week of April 12-16. Times and dates for each level will be posted on the league's Web site the first week of April: <http://www.wilmingtonyouthhockey.org/>.

The league is also hosting its third annual coaches game on Friday, April 9th at Ristuccia Arena. Once again, more information can be found on the league's Web site.

A tentative schedule for the Wilmington Youth Soccer Association has been posted on the league's Web site: <http://www.wilmingtonyouthsoccer.org/>.

Wilmington Youth Lacrosse kicked off this week. A schedule of the season can be found here: <http://www.wilmingtonathletics.com/Lacrosse/>.

This column will continue weekly. If you have any information you feel should be featured in this column, feel free to e-mail me at: [dan.j.igo@gmail.com](mailto:dan.j.igo@gmail.com).

## LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT  
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208 CAMBRIDGE  
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NOTICE OF  
PETITION FOR  
PROBATE OF WILL

DOCKET NO.  
M10P1150EA

In the Estate of:  
Phillip J. Gerrior Sr.  
Late of:  
Tewksbury, MA 01876  
Date of Death:  
03/17/2009

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that Philip Gerrior Jr. of Plymouth, MA, be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve without surety. IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON 04/09/2010. In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS:  
Hon. Peter C DiGangi,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 12, 2010  
Tara E. DeCristofaro  
Register of Probate  
05552623 3/24/10

## LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF  
TEWKSBURY  
PLANNING BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING  
CONSENT TO  
REAPPLY AND  
SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 5, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Jason Rizzo to reapply for a special permit in accordance with Article 5, Section 3 of the Planning Board's Special Permit Rules and Regulations and for a Special Permit from Section 8600 of the Tewksbury Zoning By-law to utilize the existing building as a three family residential unit and an office space in the first floor unit.

Said property is located at 955 Main Street, Assessor's Map 47, Lot 70.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248). Monday thru Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 p.m.

Vincent Spada, Chairman  
05552609 3/17, 3/24/10

## LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF  
WILMINGTON  
BOARD OF APPEALS  
PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 7-10  
Michael J. Quible  
Map 41 Parcel 54  
To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with ss6.1.6.4 to increase a nonconforming structure (remove flat garage roof and replace with gable roof) for property located on 53 Church Street.

Case 8-10  
John Carroll  
c/o  
R. Peterson Esq.  
Map 16 Parcel 55  
To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with ss6.1.6.4 to increase a nonconforming structure (demolish and reconstruct a single family dwelling on a nonconforming lot) for property located on 47 Marion Street.

Case 9-10  
Lily 296  
Shawheen Ave.  
LLC  
Map 22 Parcel 8 & 8C  
To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with ss3.5.4 and 10.5 for a limited service restaurant (9) seats for ice cream parlor for property located on 296 Shawheen Avenue.

Case 10-10  
Mary C. Law  
Map 31 Parcel 68  
To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with ss6.1.6.4 to increase a nonconforming structure (construct an addition and deck four feet from the lot line when 20 feet is required) for property located on 3 Dunmore Road (11 Grand Street).

Case 11-10  
Peter Barbosa Sr.  
Map 30 Parcel 37  
To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with ss6.1.6.4 to increase a nonconforming structure (remove existing roof and add a full second floor addition) for property located on 1 Ivy Court.

05552606 3/17, 3/24/10

## LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S  
SALE OF  
REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jean G. Saad and George J. Saad to Household Finance Corporation II, dated August 25, 2005 and recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 19260, Page 138 of which mortgage Household Finance Corporation II is the present holder, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 727 Woburn Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 will be sold at a Public Auction at 9:00AM on April 7, 2010, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Wilmington with the buildings thereon and being shown as Lots 216, 217, 224, 225, 226 and 227 on a plan entitled "Pinewood, South Wilmington, Mass., developed by Charles P. Stockwell, dated May, 1916, By H. A. Millhouse, C.E. Recorded with Middlesex North District Deeds, Plan Book 33, Plan 73 and bounded and described as follows: Easterly: by Woburn Street, as shown on said plan, one hundred (100) feet; Southerly: by land of owners unknown, as shown on said plan, one hundred eight (108) feet; Westerly: by Lot 218 and land of owners unknown, fifty (50) feet; Southerly: by Lot 218, as shown on said plan, one hundred twenty-two (122) feet; Westerly: by Bellevue Avenue, as shown on said plan, fifty (50) feet; and Northerly: by land now or formerly of H. Walker, as shown on said plan, two hundred thirty (230) feet. Containing 16,900 square feet of land, more or less, according to said plan. Also, a certain parcel of land situated on the easterly side of Bellevue Avenue (now known as Denault Drive) and being lots number 216 and 219 on a plan of Pinewood, H. A. Millhouse, Civil Engineer, Boston, MA, May 1916 and recorded with

the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds Plan Book 33, Plan 72, said land being bounded and described as follows: Easterly: by Lot 217, 122 feet, more or less; Southerly: by Lots 226 and 227, 50 feet; Westerly: by Lot 220, 122 feet, more or less; Northerly: by the sidelines of Bellevue Avenue, 50 feet. Containing 6,100 square feet of land, more or less, according to said plan.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 15601, Page 212. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at time and place of sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 321 Billerica Road, Suite 210, Chelmsford, MA 01824-4100 (978) 256-1500 (HFC 09-053389/Saad) (03/10/10, 03/17/10, 03/24/10) (190019) 05552582

## LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT  
MIDDLESEX  
PROBATE AND  
FAMILY COURT  
DEPARTMENT  
MIDDLESEX, ss  
Docket No:  
M10E0033PP

TO: Katherine M. Kilmarck in the County of Middlesex, and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Scott J. Audette and Karen L. Audette of Wilmington in the County of Middlesex, requesting that they hold as tenants in common a ONE-HALF undivided part or share of certain land lying in WILMINGTON in the County of MIDDLESEX and briefly described as follows:

A certain parcel of land situated in Wilmington, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: Southerly: by Edwards Road, one hundred eighty five (185) feet;

Northwesterly: by the Southerly line of Forest Street, fifty and 20/100 (50.20) feet;

Northeasterly: by Lot 57, one hundred twenty (120) feet;

Northwesterly: by lots 57, 56, 55, 54, 53, and 52, one hundred forty-eight and 38/100 (148.38) feet;

Northeasterly: by land now or formerly of Annie B. Swan, seventy-seven and 34/100 (77.34) feet; and Southerly: by Lot 63, one hundred eighty and 50/100 (180.50) feet. All of said boundaries are determined by the land Court to be located as shown on subdivision plan 10921-B, sheet one (1), drawn by Alfred Millhouse, surveyor, dated July 1925, as approved by the Court, filed in the

Land Registration office, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title 3006, and said land is shown as Lots fifty eight (58) to sixty two (62) inclusive on said plan.

Subject to any of the encumbrances mentioned in Section forty six of Chapter 185 of the General Laws and any amendments hereto, which may be subsisting and subject also to the provisions set forth in Document one hundred nine thousand six hundred eleven (109611) For Title see Certificate of Title No. 0032412 at Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Registered Land Office.

Setting forth that the petitioner desires that all said land may be ordered to be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than (\$450,000.00) Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end, that commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any portion of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and that said petitioner is seeking larger distributive share in accordance with the prayer of said petition and for such further relief as may seem meet. The petitioner certifies under the pains and penalties of perjury that the statements herein contained are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twentieth day of April, 2010 the return date of this citation.

Witness, HONORABLE PETER C. DIGANGI, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this ninth day of March, 2010.

Tara DeCristofaro  
Register of Probate Court  
05552589  
3/17, 3/24, 3/30/10/10

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF  
MORTGAGEE'S SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Laura J. Paquette to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated February 10, 2006 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 19832, Page 92, of which mortgage Aurora Loan Services, LLC is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 5:00 p.m. on April 5, 2010, on the mortgaged premises located at 18 Thurston Avenue, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The following described property situated in the City of Wilmington, County of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, to wit: The land is said Wilmington, with the buildings thereon, situated on the Northeasterly side of Thurston Avenue and the Southerly side of Forest Avenue, being Lot 9A shown on "Plan of Land located in Wilmington, Massachusetts, owned by Margaret and Andrew May, June 18, 1946, W. H. Morrison CE", which plan is recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 68, Plan 83B and bounded: Southerly by Thurston Avenue, Seventy (70) feet;

Northwesterly by Forest Avenue, as shown on said plan, eighty eight and 5/10 (88.5) feet; Northeasterly by Lot 9B on said plan, seventy (70) feet; and Southerly by land of Edgar & Myrtle Shaw as shown on said plan, eighty eight and 5/10 (88.5) feet. Containing, according to said plan, 6195 square

feet. Tax id#51-17 For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10599, Page 195.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 200901-1500 - ORE 05552514 3/10, 3/17, 3/24/10



## DiGiovanni never stopped living his dreams

FROM PAGE SP11W

just 45 games. They helped lead the Wildcats to three Cape Ann League Championship titles, and a trip to the Division 2 North sectional final in March of 1999. He finished his career with 30 goals and 66 assists.

"The most important thing about that line is we were all so unselfish," he said. "We played disciplined a system and we stuck to it. It didn't matter who was the first, second or third forward into the (offensive) zone. We all had a job and we did it. Justin was the scorer, Shawn was the play maker and I just got in there - but I think we always changed those roles around and to all of us, it didn't matter."

DiGiovanni was named a Lowell Sun All-Star and was given the team's Coach's Award after his senior season ended.

"Both (Justin and Mark) were real good multi-sport athletes who were blessed with athletic ability," said Steve Scanlon. "In soccer Mark was the defender and Justin was the scorer, but in hockey they both could score. And despite their athletic gifts, both of them were very humbled kids - the team always came first, and they were smart athletes with no egos. They could've gotten away with that and they didn't and I think that's what made them so special."

"That line was one of the best lines we've ever had here," said Scanlon. "In terms of speed all three of those kids could fly, and all three could score. Justin had back-to-back 50-point seasons, so they were all very dangerous players. The one thing about them is they never quit and they just hated to lose. They left everything they had everytime out until the final whistle. They were good leaders and that was good for the kids who followed them."

When the hockey season ended with the 4-1 sectional final loss to Saugus in the sectional final, DiGiovanni said it all hit him at once.

"It's tough and I'll think about that the rest of my life," he said. "I would have loved to have won just one state championship game. I would be a lot happier today if that happened - just one and it didn't matter the sport or the team. That's pretty disappointing. Justin, TJ Flynn and I were the three guys on those three teams and all of us would have done anything to win just one state championship."

Shortly after falling short of that quest, DiGiovanni traded in his hockey equipment and participated for the fourth year on the track-and-field team. During his senior season, he was part of the 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams that placed high at both the Cape Ann and State Class D Championship Meets including a third and a fifth in the latter.

"(Coach Bob) Cripps would put me in anything," said DiGiovanni. "He would put me in any situation. I remember one day he said he was putting me in the mile, and I was like 'what'? Bob always pushed me. He was funny and he would get on you, but I never knew where I stood with him. Then one day he cracked a joke and said that he was making fun of me because he liked me, and then I knew."

DiGiovanni played for two current Hall of Fame coaches and two others who should be there someday, with Dick Scanlon and Bob Cripps already there, and then Steve Scanlon and Chip Bruce who will be there someday.

"They're all really good coaches," said DiGiovanni. "Not that many people had a chance to play for both Dick and Steve, and they both knew how to get the best out

of you. They knew when to encourage you, they knew when to push your buttons, they knew when to lay off and they knew when to take you aside or crack a joke. Dick took you aside a lot and when he did you got the message."

"Steve preached discipline and the great thing about it is if you work hard for Steve and Chip, you are going to play. I felt like playing time was always in my own hands - that if I put in the effort and I was disciplined and did things the way he said, then I would play and I would be successful. The thing I'll always remember about Steve is one time he said to the entire team that we were playing for the name on the front of our jersey and not for the one on the back of it. That always stuck with me - just trying to be unselfish. I played with so many unselfish and great players."

"And Chip has always been such a great guy and I think he just rounded out both the soccer and hockey situations so perfectly."

Trying to be an unselfish player, who gave it his all every step of the way, he says was first taught to him by his parents, Tony and Marie, and his two brothers Kevin and Anthony, who were both very good tennis players at WHS in addition to Kevin being such a key player in that soccer run back in 1990.

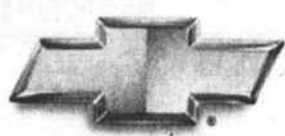
"My entire family have always been there for me, to encourage me, to give me a shot and they always encouraged me to give things a shot," he said. "I learned a lot from my brothers - watching them and learning from their experiences. And my parents were always there, to help me pursue anything I wanted."



Wilmington High senior Zach Rosa was one of the goalies that played during Saturday's Massachusetts High School All-Star game played at the Tsongas Arena. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



The Wilmington 8th Grade Girls Travel Basketball Team completed a successful season this past weekend as finalists in both the Billerica Shamrock Tournament and the North Andover Booster Club March Madness. Pictured (L-R) are Head Coach George Robbins, Coach Donna Zaremba, Kaitlyn Cowden, Hannah Reynolds, Michaela Chenevert, Katherine McKenna, Christa Brent, Adrianna Kippenberger, Coach Bill Mara, Presley Silva, Amanda Richards, Rachael Mara, Caitlyn Parrott, Kimberly Donoghue, Carli Brent, Alex Bischoff, Cassie Grasso. The parents and the players would like to thank their coaches for their time and dedication to the team. Good luck in high school girls (courtesy photo).



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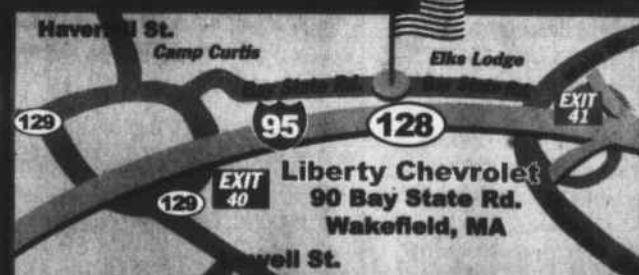
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NEWBURYPORT — Registration: All programs are free but space is limited and advanced registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise indicated.

People can call 978-465-5753 to register. Registration is not complete until confirmation is received from a staff member. Note that outdoor programs may be cancelled if there is inclement weather. Visit the web for more information <http://parkerriver.fws.gov>. The refuge visitor center is located at 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport.

### April Programs

#### \*\*Piping Plover Workshop\*\*

Sunday April 4, from 10 -11:30 a.m., age 10 and Up.

People can learn about this amazing bird. Together the group will discuss the natural history of the piping plover, participate in some plover activities, and even help to make a plover display. That display will be used to educate others about this bird listed by the federal government as a threatened species, as well as what we do to help it.

The group will meet at The Refuge Visitor Center.

#### \*\*Matinee Movie Series - The Discovery Channel's Planet Earth\*\*

Tuesday April 6, at 1 p.m.

People can enjoy the final parts of this amazing six-part series depicting captivating images and fascinating information about 11 different biomes on our planet.

No registration required. All shows are free but space is limited to the capacity of our auditorium.

This showing will last approximately 1.5 hours and be shown at the Refuge Visitor Center. (Due to the sophisticated nature of movie content, these movies may not be suitable for all audiences.)

#### \*\*Our Matinee Movie Series Continues! April is Avian Film Month\*\*

- This means we're showing movies about birds! - Every Tuesday at 1p.m.

April 13 - Pale Male, the story of a Red Tail Hawk who has won the affection of city dwellers in Manhattan, will be shown. Against all odds, this hawk has found himself a most unusual home. 56 min.

April 20 - Winged Migration, will be shown. This film examines the lives of birds from a unique perspective. Find out what it's like to fly like a bird on an incredible journey! 98 min.

April 27- March of the Penguins, will be shown. Narrated by Morgan Freeman, this film records the arduous journey emperor penguins must make each year to ensure their species survival. Wow! 80 min.

(Due to the sophisticated nature of movie content, these movies may not be suitable for all audiences.)

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### \*\*Nature Tots: Busy Bees\*\*

Friday April 9, from 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
and 1-2 p.m., Ages 3-5

If you've ever eaten an apple, chances are you have a very busy honeybee to thank!

Introduce a preschooler to the buzzing world of honeybees through games, stories, songs, crafts and more in this fun, interactive program.

The group meets at the Refuge Visitor Center.

### \*\*North Atlantic Salmon and their Merrimack Migration\*\*

Saturday April 10, from 12-1:30 p.m.

People may have seen the aquarium in the visitor center and wanted to know more about the eggs inside. They can learn about these amazing fish as refuge staff teach about the life cycle and natural history of these travelers of the Merrimack.

No registration required for this presentation. It will take place in our Refuge Visitor Center Auditorium and space will be limited to its capacity. 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport.

### \*\*Plant Study for Homeschoolers\*\*

Wednesday April 14, from  
10 a.m. -12 p.m., Ages 6-10

People can learn about the plants native to this area, how they're adapted to the environment, how they're beneficial for wildlife, and some of their common uses in this fun, interactive homeschool program!

This program will include both indoor and outdoor activities so participants should dress for the weather.

The group meets at the Refuge Visitor Center, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport.

### \*\*Signs of Spring - Exploring Nature Walk\*\*

Saturday April 17, from 1:30-3 p.m., all ages

Red winged black bird calls and skunky smells in the air. Spring is here and people will want to meet it face to face! Join the group on a nature walk while they look for wildlife and signs of spring. People should bring binoculars and field guides and dress appropriately for the weather.

The group meets at Refuge Parking Lot 1.

### \*\*Woodcock Walk\*\*

Thursday, April 22 and  
Tuesday, April 27, 7-8:30 p.m., all ages

Every spring, the American Woodcock attracts a mate by singing its heart out at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge. Join the group for an evening display of the woodcock's song and sky dance!

Participants should dress for the weather. The group will meet at Refuge Parking Lot 4 (Hellcat interpretive area).

### \*\*Salt Marsh Madness!\*\*

Friday, April 23, from 1-2:30pm, ages 6-9

Did you know that Parker River National Wildlife Refuge is part of the largest salt marsh north of Long Island sound?

People can explore the amazing world of the salt marsh, and meet its adaptive inhabitants in this fun, interactive program.

This program will include both indoor and outdoor activities so participants should dress for the weather.

The group will meet at the Refuge Visitor Center, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport.

### \*\*Earth Day Family Scavenger Hunt\*\*

Saturday, April 25, 12-4 p.m., all ages

Celebrate Earth Day by reconnecting the family to the outdoors! Stop by the visitor center to pick up a refuge "Scavenger Hunt" and go out to explore!

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## Woburn's Campbell to run for Secretary of State



By GORDON VINCENT

WOBURN - Woburn City Clerk William Campbell is making a historic, and perhaps unprecedented, bid to become a Woburn resident elected to a state office.

Last month, Campbell officially announced his candidacy for Secretary of State, who among other duties serves as Massachusetts' top election official, keeper of records and regulator of securities.

Campbell, 49, has been the Woburn City Clerk since 1997, and served two terms on the Woburn City Council from 1988-92. He was elected president of the council for his second term.

He also ran an unsuccessful bid for state representative from what was at the time the 33rd Middlesex district in 1990, and lost a mayoral race in 1993.

Thus far, Campbell is the only candidate from the Republican party to formally announce his candidacy for Secretary of State. The idea of running for the office was formed in February, when he attended a conference of the Mass. City Clerks Association, of which he is a past president and a current member of the executive board.

"My (colleagues in the clerks' association) had been encouraging me to run for awhile, and then there was kind of a running dialog at the conference about me putting my name in," said Campbell, during an interview at Woburn City Hall. "It had been on my mind, because I think we've needed a change in (the Secretary of State's) office."

The next step was bringing the idea to his wife, Joanne, and two children, Elizabeth, a senior at Nazareth Academy in Wakefield, and John, a junior at St. John's Prep in Danvers.

"There was a lot of discussion, especially with Joanne, because it is a big commitment," he said. "If my kids were younger, I wouldn't do this. By far the most important thing is my family, and they're excited about it. They want to take an active role."

His daughter can do more than just campaign for her dad. She recently turned 18 and is eligible to vote.

"I've asked her to consider voting for me," he dead-panned.

*"I see television commercials about your vote being important, but I think everyone knows that. We should be using those resources to tell people how to vote, to inform them of the process. The limited resources that we have should be used to educate the voters, not promote the office," said Campbell.*

So far, most of the activity in the Campbell campaign has been geared toward collecting signatures, which must be gathered from 5,000 registered voters by May 4 in order to qualify for the ballot in the Republican primary in September.

Campbell is also required to get at least 15 percent of the delegates in the Republican state convention. One of the things he'd like to change is removing some of the obstacles that impede qualified candidates from running for state office.

"Five thousand signatures is a lot, and you need 10,000 signatures to run for governor," said Campbell. "We've already had to disqualify some of the people who have signed our nomination papers because they're not registered voters, or they're Democrats. I can only accept signatures from Republicans or unenrolled voters who are registered."

In the past, the 'R' designation on a ballot in Massachusetts almost always meant underdog status, but Sen. Scott Brown's upset of Democrat Martha Coakley last year has given new hope to GOP candidates who are eying the state election this year.

The incumbent Secretary of State is William Galvin (no relation to Woburn Mayor Scott Galvin), who has not officially announced his candidacy but is reportedly collecting signatures in a bid for a fifth 4-year term.

"It (Brown's victory) was definitely a factor for me," said Campbell. "I'm challenging an incumbent who's been in office for 16 years and has spent 40 years on Beacon Hill. It's good to have a turnover in an elected office from time-to-time, and given the political climate that's out there this may be the right time."

That's as critical of his opponent as Campbell will get, though. He prefers to accentuate the positive of his own campaign rather than denigrate Galvin, though it is clear he has some different ideas about how the office should be run.

"I want to open a dialog not only with the election community but with the general public about how we can serve them better," said Campbell. "I see television commercials about your vote being important, but I think everyone knows that. We should be using those resources to tell people how to vote, to inform them of the process."

"The limited resources that we have should be used to educate the voters, not promote the office," said Campbell.

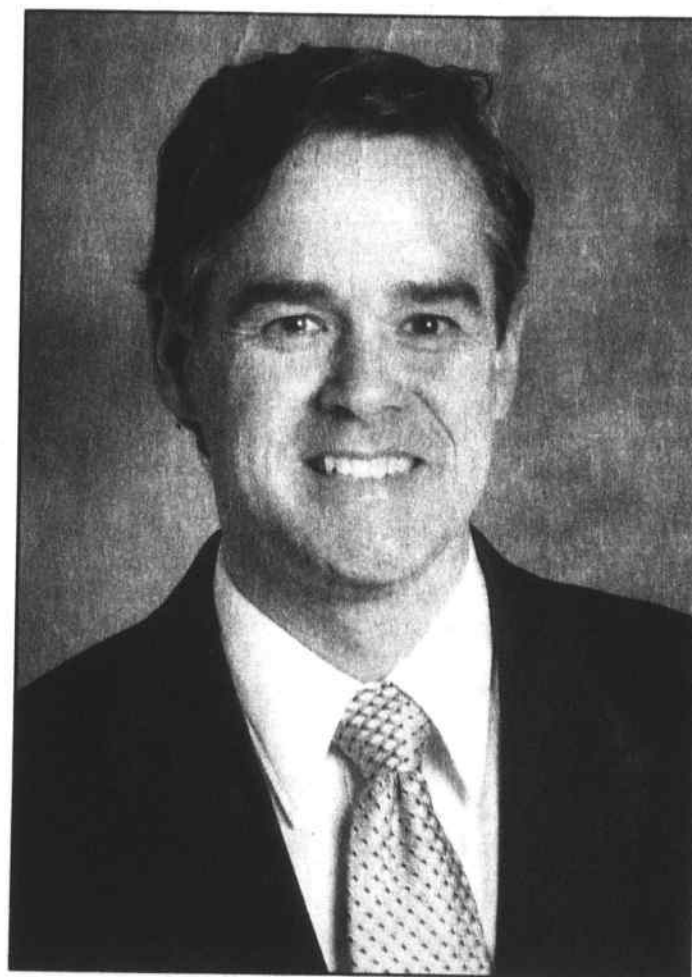
He said he'd also like "to get rid of the intricacies" involved in the voting process along the guidelines of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

"The HAVA system is expensive, and it confuses people," he said. "Look at something like same day registration. It adds another level of bureaucracy, and invites fraud."

He'd also like to limit the number of special elections, which are costly to the communities that are required to hold them. In about a year, Woburn had to hold four special elections - two to replace state Sen. James Marzilli, who quit after charges that he sexually assaulted a woman in Lowell were brought, and two for U.S. Senator after the death of Edward Kennedy.

"What the secretary told the governor was that it only cost the state \$5 million to conduct (the U.S. Senate) election, but it cost the cities and towns between \$7 million and \$10 million," said Campbell. "The secretary should have been more open with

Campbell to S-4



William Campbell

## CAMPBELL SECRETARY OF STATE

### Biographical Information

Woburn Senior High School graduate  
B.A. from Boston College in economics and sociology  
J.D. from University of Bridgeport School of Law  
Member of the Massachusetts Bar since December 1985  
1987 elected to Woburn City Council, served two terms  
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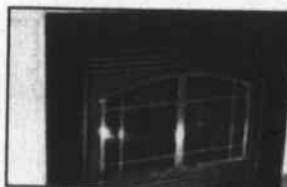
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# Movie Reviews

by Paul Feely

"Repo Men" bloody and gory



"REPO MEN" IS A FUTURISTIC ACTION thriller starring Jude Law as a repo man who is unable to pay for his new heart; and Forest Whitaker as a collection agent. In an era of health care debate and new credit card regulations it's a timely premise, but the movie falls short.

"REPO MEN"  
GRADE: \*\*

What sounds like an interesting premise for a movie, given last weekend's health care vote, gets lost amid the blood and gore in 'Repo Men'.

In this futuristic action-thriller, humans have extended and improved their lives through highly sophisticated and expensive mechanical organs created

by a company called The Union. The dark side of these medical breakthroughs is that if you don't pay your bill, The Union sends its highly skilled repo men to take back its property - with no concern for your comfort or survival.

Jude Law is Remy, one of the best repo men in the business. When he suffers a cardiac failure on the job, he awakens to find himself fitted with the company's

top-of-the-line heart-replacement - a procedure he has almost no shot of paying for on his salary. Unexpectedly, when he awakens post-surgery he realizes that not only is his heart not his, but its no longer in his job either.

When he can't make the payments, The Union sends its toughest enforcer, Remy's former partner Jake (Forest Whitaker), to track him down.

When the hunter becomes the hunted, Remy joins Beth (Alice Braga), another debtor who teaches him how to vanish from the system. And as he and Jake begin a game of chase, one man will become a hero for thousands on the run.

The setting for the movie is interesting - a dark future straight out of 'Blade Runner', where the worldwide conglomerate The Union profits off people with fatal illnesses.

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Think the credit card business model rolled into health care, and its a scary vision of the future of the medical business in the world.

, but Miguel Sapochnik, in his first feature film, quickly loses his hold on the basic premise of the film, and instead opts to fill time with an overabundance of blood and gore, as well as themes and scenes borrowed from movies like 'Logan's Run' and 'Blade Runner'.

Law seems to be sleep-walking through the part, after probably realizing early on in production this one was headed to an early DVD release, though Whitaker at times seems to relish his role.

"GREEN ZONE"  
GRADE: \*\*

Matt Damon and director Paul Greengrass (The Bourne Supremacy, The Bourne Ultimatum, United 93) re-team for their latest electrifying thriller in Green Zone, a film set in the

early days of the Iraqi War, when few on the ground could be trusted and trouble seemingly lurked around every corner.

During the U.S.-led occupation of Baghdad in 2003, Chief Warrant Officer Roy Miller (Damon) and his team of Army inspectors are dispatched to find weapons of mass destruction believed to be stockpiled in the Iraqi desert. Rushing from one booby-trapped and treacherous site to the next, the men search for deadly chemical agents but stumble instead upon an elaborate cover-up that clouds the true purpose of their mission.

Tangled in webs spun by operatives on opposite sides of the political aisle, Miller must hunt through covert and faulty intelligence on foreign soil for answers that will either clear a dictatorial regime or escalate a war in an unstable region.

A lot of "Green Zone" will be familiar to fans of Damon and Greengrass' "Bourne" fans. The story oves along at a very fast pace, there's a mystery that needs to be solved, and director Greengrass' utilizes his signature handheld camera frequently, piecing scenes together using rapid-fire editing techniques.

What makes "Green Zone" more interesting than the average action film is its explanation for the invasion of Iraq in 2003. The story puts forth the premise that the invasion was based not just on bad intelligence but on deliberately manufactured intelligence.

Greg Kinnear is good as a despicable villain, and Damon is his usual self, a charismatic everyman with the tools to get the job done. Amy Ryan has a few good scenes as a reporter whose questionable pre-war reporting about WMDs greased the skids for the country to enter the conflict (think Judith Miller of the New York Times), and Khalid Abdalla is very good as an Iraq army veteran who hates his leader Saddam, and who teams up with Miller to work as a translator.

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## 39TH ANNUAL ANTIQUE SHOW AND SALE

It's time for the 39th Annual Antiques Show and Sale at First Parish Congregational Church, 1 Church Street, Wakefield.

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Of special interest on Friday evening is the chance to have items appraised by an area appraiser from Kaminski Associates. If you do not have an item to be appraised, there is lots of fun watching other appraisals. There is a nominal fee to have items appraised on a per item basis.

With something for everyone the show opens again Saturday, March 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Whether you are a serious shopper or just want to browse, come and see the selection of furniture, collectibles, pottery, Depression glass, silver, jewelry and beautiful Fiesta ware. Bring a friend and enjoy lunch and homemade pie.

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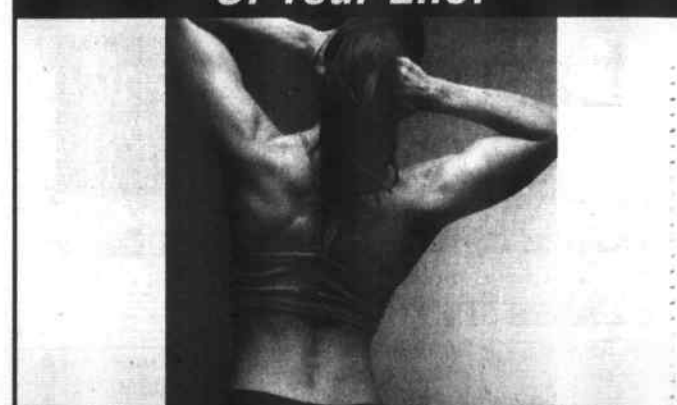


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## Friday & Saturday 39th Annual Antique Show and Sale

It's time for the 36th Annual Antiques Show and Sale at First Parish Congregational Church, One Church Street in Wakefield.

This annual two-day event opens this Friday evening, March 26 from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. with a diverse group of antique and collectible dealers anxious to display their wares and items of interest. There is also a menu of meals, snacks and homemade pie prepared by our First Parish chefs.

Of special interest on Friday evening is the chance to have items appraised by an area appraiser from Kaminski Associates. If you do not have an item you would like appraised there is lots of fun watching other appraisals in our very own antiques road show. There is a nominal fee to have items appraised on a per item basis.

With something for everyone the show opens again on Saturday, March 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Whether you are a serious shopper or just want to browse come and see the selection of furniture, collectibles, pottery, Depression glass, silver, jewelry and beautiful Fiesta ware. Bring a friend and enjoy lunch and more homemade pie.

First Parish is adjacent to Lake Quannapowitt and Wakefield Common with plenty of free parking. There is a nominal admission fee. Watch for discount coupons in your local newspaper.

For additional information please call the church office at 781-245-1539. Dealers are invited to contact the church office or to email [FPCCAntiques@yahoo.com](mailto:FPCCAntiques@yahoo.com).

## Calendar

From S-2

liturgical dance. Program ends with Cliff Liberman.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST & YARD SALE MARCH 27-28**

The Reading Masonic Building Association will host two events this coming weekend. On Saturday, March 27 there will be a Yard Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A snack bar will be available.

On Sunday, March 28 a Family Pancake Breakfast, including pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, tea and juices will be held from 8 - 11:30 a.m. Adults \$6, seniors \$5, children 6 -12 \$4, under 6 free. Family (2 adults & 3 children under 13 \$13.) No reservations are necessary. Sponsored by Priscilla Chapter No. 52, O.E.S.

Both events will be held at the Reading Masonic building, 110 Haven Street, Reading.

**APRIL FOOLS AND WILL SHAKESPEARE**

The Friends of the Lynnfield Library, in collaboration with the Lynnfield Historical Society will present an unusual and special lecture at 7 p.m. in the 1714 Meeting House, on Thursday, April 1. The title is "April's Fool and Will Shakespeare" by Doug Steward, lecturer and author.

Late in the 18th century a bright lad in London not only forged Will Shakespeare's hand but proceeded to write a creditable play in the great bard's style. As one can imagine this 'lost Shakespearean' work was 'discovered'. Much excitement about this find swept through the country. But an equal and opposite amount of excitement arose when the hoax was uncovered. This is an intriguing story which Ipswich author Doug Steward has detailed in a book scheduled for publication on the first of April (a most appropriate date.)

"The Boy Who Would Be Shakespeare, A Tale of Forgery and Folly." This is the true story of a 19 year old clerk named William-Henry Ireland, who almost pulled off the greatest literary hoax of all time, and it will be the substance of Doug's talk at 7 p.m. Regardless of whether you are a Shakespeare scholar, or a conspiracy buff, or one who simply delights in the comeuppance of 'intellectuals' this is a lecture not to be missed.

The public is invited. Light refreshments will be served.

**APRIL PROGRAMS AT PARKER RIVER REFUGE**

Join in for these fun, free programs at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge.

Piper Plover Workshop on Sunday April 4 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. ages 10 and up; Matinee Movie Series - The Discovery Channel's Planet Earth on Tuesday, April 6 at 1 p.m.; Nature Tots: Busy Bees on Friday, April 9 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. ages 3 - 5.

All programs are free, but space is limited and advanced registration is required. Please call 978-465-5753 to register.

**FREE SHOPPING NIGHT EVENT APRIL 10**

The Women's Group at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Wakefield invites the community to a free "Shopping Night Extravaganza" on Saturday, April 10 from 7 - 9 p.m.

Featured vendors include: Lia Sophia Jewelry, Silpada Designs Jewelry, Tastefully Simple, which offers a wide variety of easy-to-prepare foods, and The Pampered Chef, which features every product to help you discover the chef in you.

The event will be held in the Church's Parish Hall. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church is handicapped accessible and is located at the cor-

## About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

### IN TIME FOR SPRING? WHICH YEAR?

Please check your local "Daily Times Chronicle" for daily updates.

#### BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE IN WOBURN

"After some discussion and background for its new members, the City Council's Finance Committee endorsed a \$150,000 appropriation for the design of the proposed New Boston Street bridge into Wilmington," notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The appropriation, which comes from one of the city's stabilization accounts, augments a \$350,000 state grant for the design of the bridge, and will cover the contractual agreement with the designer, plus fees associated with the acquisition of a parcel that will connect the bridge to the Anderson Regional Transportation Center."

"This (connector) is really why the expenses have grown," said Ward 6 Alderman Michael Raymond ....

"The bridge, which has not been a through way for decades, will serve as an access from the New Boston Street area into Wilmington and take some of the truck traffic off Main Street in North Woburn."

"... The connection of a bike or walking path to the Anderson RTC developed within the past couple of years, because it made sense to loop New Boston Street into the newly-created Commerce Way Corridor Overlay District (CWCOD)."

"By making the connection to the CWCOD, the city needed to acquire an additional parcel of privately-owned land, which increased the expenses that are included in the appropriation request by \$150,000."

#### PARKER PLACED IN WINCHESTER

"The announcement last week of the death of mystery novelist Robert Parker may have stirred memories locally of the times that Parker and

his character Spenser visited Winchester," notes the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Spenser, in the person of actor Robert Ulrich, arrived first to film some scenes for the series Spenser For Hire in Winchester. The series ran from September 1985 to May 1988. Though its main locale was Boston, scenes were shot in surrounding communities like Winchester. Ulrich, Avery Brooks, other cast members, and the crew of the popular show arrived here in August 1986 to film scenes on Church Street, Main Street, and in Town Hall."

"Parker himself came to Winchester to speak to fans in March 1989 in Town Hall Auditorium as part of the Winchester Public Library's winter lecture series. He shared stories about his life, career, and the Spenser character and books."

"Hardly pausing in his non-stop pacing across the front of the room, Parker spun off a series of anecdotes and biographical reminiscences punctuated at every turn by quips and wry reflections...."

"Parker said he had spent many years writing. 'I've always wanted to write - mostly because I could,' he quipped. Parker said he had many other jobs which he did not like, but that after receiving his Ph.D. and becoming a teacher, he was able to write."

"While he was an assistant professor at Northeastern, he related, he taught only nine hours a week and had long stretches of uninterrupted time to write novels. 'I was not Mr. Chips. Don't get me wrong. If you are a real teacher and you care very much about how the kids learn and how they work and you are committed to that, then you work very hard. And you are one of nature's gentle-

men. But I was not. I was a would-be writer...."

#### TRAIL BLAZING IN WAKEFIELD

"As part of the Patrick-Murray Administration's Massachusetts Recovery Plan, Governor Deval Patrick is moving forward with funding to support the design of a multi-use trail on the former Boston & Maine Railroad corridor in Wakefield and Lynnfield," notes the Wakefield edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"This first stage of the project will design a multi-use path along 4.4 miles beginning near Galvin Middle School on Main Street in Wakefield and continuing through Lynnfield and the Reedy Meadow to the Peabody town line. The path will connect residential neighborhoods, commercial and recreational areas, schools, the Reedy Meadow National Natural Landmark, and the MBTA station in Wakefield."

"This targeted investment of transportation funds will greatly improve bicycle and pedestrian access and improve the quality of life for residents in the Wakefield and Lynnfield area," said Governor Patrick. The Governor also recognized Representative Katherine Clark for her exceptional advocacy and leadership on the project....

"MassDOT will work with the communities of Wakefield and Lynnfield to initiate the funding and develop the necessary parameters for the project design. Community officials are working with the MBTA, rail corridor owners, on a long term lease."

"About the Towns" covers recent events in the 10-town Middlesex East area. Because Middlesex East deadlines are early, please check the front sections of this paper for up-to-date information about your city or town. We also welcome original material - please send it to Phyllis Nissen, "About the Towns," Middlesex East Supplement, Box 240, Reading, MA 01867 or to [schooltowns@comcast.net](mailto:schooltowns@comcast.net).

## Movies from S-2

Director Tim Burton's 'Alice in Wonderland', which could have been titled 'A Return to Wonderland', is a treat for the eyes and the ears after Alice falls down the rabbit hole again.

The film starts off a bit slowly, as Burton uses up roughly the first 25 minutes to mock the more elite members of British society as being boorish. Alice's hand in marriage has been requested by a doltish young man, and she decides to flee the scene, heading for the nearby rabbit hole to hide - and away we go.

Once Alice arrives in Wonderland, the story really takes off, as she encounters old friends the White

Rabbit, Tweedledee and Tweedledum, the Dormouse, Blue Caterpillar, Cheshire Cat and the Mad Hatter.

Alice hazily remembers her first trip to Wonderland, but believes it was all a dream (cue Patrick Duffy in the shower - thank you 'Dallas'!).

"Alice" really picks up speed once Johnny Depp's Mad Hatter is introduced on screen. The part is yet another outstanding performance in a career filled with eccentric and outlandish characters portrayed by Depp.

"Alice in Wonderland" contains some frightening moments which might scare the younger ones, but they aren't overwhelming for kids above the age of 8.

ner of Main and Bryant Streets, adjacent to the Wakefield Common. For more information contact the Church Office at 781-245-1374.

#### A HISTORY OF PARKER FOREST

Bob Anderson will give a talk, "Discover a Hidden Gem, Right Next Door: A History of the Harold Parker Forest," on Thursday, April 8 at 7 p.m. at the Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park Street, North Reading.

Bob Anderson, park interpreter, will speak about the history and offerings of this delightful neighboring resource. All who hike, bicycle, canoe, or picnic and enjoy the flora and fauna of this 3,000 acre wonderland are encouraged to attend.

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## Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

### •MIDDLESEX EAST WEEKLY TRIVIA:

Who tripped Bobby Orr as he scored the deciding goal in Game 4 of the 1970 Stanley Cup finals? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

•Adding to an already significant 2009-10 season, the Tufts University hockey team placed two players on the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) All-Conference teams announced by the league office today. Sophomore goalie **SCOTT BARCHARD** (READING, MA) was voted best in the league by virtue of being on the First Team. Junior Tom Derosa (Charlestown, MA) earned his second All-NESCAC Second Team nod.

With a 12-10-3 overall record and 8-8-3 in league action, Tufts enjoyed its most successful season since joining the NESCAC league for the 2001-02 year. The campaign finished with the first winning record at Tufts since 2000-01. In Barchard and Derosa, both significant reasons for this year's performance, Tufts has two All-Conference selections for the first time.

Barchard emerged as one of the top Division III goalies in the country. In addition to finishing with 986 saves, the 11th most for a season in NCAA Div. III history, he is also currently leading the

nation with a .939 save percentage. He had a .274 overall goals against average. The numbers were even slightly better in NESCAC/ECAC East conference play, when he saved .941 of the shots that reached him and had a 2.69 goals against average. Barchard set a Tufts record with 63 saves at Saint Anselm on December 5.

•Helping Merrimack College to a 3-1 win in the second of a doubleheader with Southern New Hampshire University, senior captain **RYAN MCNEILL** (LYNNFIELD, MA) earned a win, allowing one run on five hits while fanning eight in the non-Conference twin bill. Despite eight strikeouts and six strong innings from senior left-hander Dylan Ellis (Gloucester, MA) in game one, the Warriors dropped its first of the doubleheader, 3-1 on the campus of Franklin Pierce University.

"The first game gave us a chance to get some of the early-season kinks out, but our pitching staff was tremendous," said head coach Joe Sarno. "Matt Hogan swung the bat well all day and we did some good things, but we still need to gain some consistency."

With three non-Conference games at Philadelphia University this weekend (March 12-13), the Warriors begin their Conference schedule on Saturday, March 20

against Assumption College at home with a doubleheader.

In game one, senior Ed Medeiros (Seekonk, MA) went 2-for-2 in the DH, driving in classmate Matt Hogan (Andover, MA) in the top of the fourth of the seven inning game. Freshman Mark O'Flynn (Ipswich, MA) also registered his first collegiate hit in the form of a double in game one.

In game two, sophomore PJ Farnham (Andover, MA) and junior transfer Paul Arce (West Hartford, CT) supplied run support for McNeil with an RBI single and RBI double, respectively.

On the day, the Warriors played error-free baseball despite the 37-degree temperatures in Rindge, New Hampshire.

"We had some issues with consistency early on, but these games were for just that; gaining some rhythm and getting acclimated with one another," Sarno said.

•Need some help with this week's question? His initials are N.P.

•The Merrimack men's lacrosse team made it two straight victories in its Florida trip, cruising to a 14-4 victory over Rollins College recently.

Eight of the Warriors' goals came from newcomers, including five more from Corey Lunney (Little Silver, NJ), who has 10 goals and 13 points in his first two collegiate games. Lunney's classmates, Nick Vazquez (Haverhill, MA) and Greg Melaugh (Billerica, MA)

each added their first career goals, with Vazquez getting two in the victory.

David Robinson (Lexington, MA) chipped in with a career-high three goals, while senior captain Mark Webber (Mansfield, MA) dished out three assists. Bryan MacPhie (Scarborough, ME) totaled two goals and two assists, while **NICK MAGGIO** (WINCHESTER, MA) won 10-of-17 faceoffs.

"Today was a great bounce-back game," said head coach Mike Morgan. "We were disappointed with Sunday's performance even though we won, so we wanted to get off to a quick start today, and we did just that. We had a bunch of different guys score at attack and midfield. In general, it was a nice team victory and now we can get ready for St. Leo's on Saturday."

Lunney netted two goals in a 54-second span midway through the first to give Merrimack the 2-0 lead. They took a 9-1 lead at half-time, outscoring Rollins 5-0 in the second, as Greg Fallon (North Kingston, RI), Melaugh and Lunney scored 2:35 apart early in the second. Three straight goals in the third made it 12-1 in favor of the visitors.

Melaugh finished with a team-high seven ground balls, while Phil Ketrelakes (Peabody, MA) totaled five. **CORY SPINALE** (WAKEFIELD, MA) stopped four shots in the win, recording his 26th career victory at Merrimack.

Merrimack outshot the hosts by a 43-19 margin.

•**SENIOR JACQUI BARRETT** (WOBURN, MA) placed second in the shot put and led four UMass Lowell individuals and a relay team to All-American honors Saturday at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track & Field Championship at the Albuquerque Convention Center.

Joining Barrett in earning All-American honors was senior Haley Catarius (Marshfield, MA) in the 800 meters; junior Angus MacDonald (Methuen, MA) in the mile and distance medley relay; freshman **EVAN WHITE** (TEWKSBURY, MA) in the 200 meters and UMass Lowell's men's 4X400 meter relay team.

Barrett threw the shot a career-best 49 feet, 4.25 inches and held the lead until the final throw, when Kelly Ash of Ashland University threw for 51' 1.0". Barrett's result marked the seventh time this season she eclipsed her personal-best distance.

"Jacqui came in with a different mind frame than she has before," said Head Coach Gary Gardner. "She was relaxed and focused. She had the confidence that she really belonged here."

Barrett's effort also marked the second time in five years that a UMass Lowell shotputter led until the final throw, echoing former standout Enjoli Edwards' effort at the 2006

outdoor NCAA Championships.

"It was bad déjà vu," Gardner added. "It felt like Enjoli in 2006."

After placing eighth in Friday's preliminary in 2:14.79, Catarius finished eighth again in 2:13.28 to earn All-America for the sixth time in her career, and first time in the indoor 800 meters. Anja Puc of Nebraska-Omaha won the 800 meters title in 2:07.14.

White, who broke his own school record Friday in the 200 meters preliminary with a time of 21.59 seconds, placed fourth in Saturday's final in 21.65 seconds. Josh Scott of St. Augustine's won the 200 in 20.91 seconds.

"Evan was given the third lane for the final, which is the worst lane to have," Gardner noted. "For him to run right around his record time was great. He was the fourth guy in the last section."

•**ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION:** He was tripped by St. Louis Blues defenseman Noel Picard.

•**DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?**

If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to readingchronicle@comcast.net, or mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports, P.O. Box 240, Reading, Ma., 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200.

## Campbell

From S-1

the Legislature. We should know how much and where our money is being spent."

Campbell would also like the Secretary of State's office to provide more transparency when it comes to the disclosure of securities brokers, who must be registered.

"That information ought to be available more openly to the public," he said. "You go to the website and there's a section for security settlements, but when you click on it all you get are 62-page complaints that are difficult to understand for the reader."

So far, he's taken his message to city and town committee meetings in about a half-dozen communities, where he says he's been well-received. His foray was in Brown's hometown of Wrentham.

"I usually get about 5 to 10 minutes to state my case," said Campbell.

He hopes to expand his speaking efforts to organizations like local business associations and Rotary Clubs. Campbell has also set up a fan page on Facebook, "so people can keep track of the campaign."

"It's all been very positive, especially here in Woburn," said Campbell. "People who are just going to the post office or walking to their car say things like 'Good luck with your campaign.'"

In addition to his duties as City Clerk, Campbell is also a renowned source and published author of Woburn history. A 1978 Woburn High graduate who earned his bachelor's degree from Boston College, his law degree from the University of Bridgeport, and practiced law before being chosen City Clerk, he believes he will be the first Woburn resident to hold a state-wide office.

"I've talked to all the aldermen (on the City Council) and the mayor, and they're all supportive of me," he added. "They think it's good for the city to have someone on the state ballot."

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Ritchie gets along well with staff and other residents in his group home. At school, Ritchie has an Individualized Educational Plan to address global delays. Ritchie has therapeutic supports in place at home and school to help him deal with his past trauma.

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## Homebuyer Tax Credit through April

The economic downturn of the last 12-18 months has left many businesses and homeowners struggling to stay afloat. For those with real estate holdings, home sales have largely slumped across the United States, where an abundance of unsold properties continue to dot the landscape.

In an effort to revitalize the housing industry, The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 established a tax credit for first-time homebuyers that can be worth up to \$7,500. The tax credit has since been increased and extended through the The Worker, Homeownership and Business Assistance Act of 2009, signed into law on November 6, 2009. It extended and expands the first-time homebuyer credit allowed by previous acts.

According to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the new Act extends the deadline for qualifying home purchases from November 30, 2009, to April 30, 2010. Additionally, if a buyer enters into a binding contract by April 30, 2010, the buyer has until June 30, 2010, to settle on the purchase. The maximum credit amount remains at \$8,000 for a first-time homebuyer - that is, a buyer who has not owned a primary residence during the three years up to the date of purchase.

The Act also extends to homeowners who have been in a primary residence for five years or more and are looking to purchase a different primary residence. This is a "long-time resident" credit of up to \$6,500. To qualify this way, a buyer must have owned and used the same home as a principal or primary residence for at least five consecutive years of the eight-year period ending on the date of purchase of a new home as a primary residence.

The new law also raises the income limits for people who purchase homes after November 6. The full credit will be available to taxpayers with modified adjusted gross incomes (MAGI) up to \$125,000, or \$225,000 for joint filers. Those with MAGI between \$125,000 and \$145,000, or \$225,000 and \$245,000 for joint filers, are eligible for a reduced credit. Those with higher incomes do not qualify.

For those who have been on the fence about purchasing a home, these tax credits could be the incentive needed. Buyers with qualifying purchases in 2010 have the option of claiming the credit on either their 2009 or 2010 tax returns.

To learn more about the act and first-time homebuyer incentives, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

## Spring is ideal time to get moving

After hibernating in your den or on your couch all winter, let those first warm breezes of spring be a call to action. There's no better time of year to stretch your mind and muscles - and launch an exercise routine that will take you through the summer and into the fall. The key to developing a fitness routine that will help you reach your health and weight goals is simpler than you may have thought. There are only two firm rules: Keep it simple and keep it up.

After two weeks, you will have developed the habit of taking time to move, which is essential to making any exercise routine stick.

Consistency gets results

The bottom line is this: Once you are in the habit of exercising, it's much more likely that you will stay with it. What you do during your exercise time isn't nearly as important as simply doing it - and making it fun. If exercising outdoors with friends will help keep you moving on a regular basis, build an exercise routine that includes walking with others a few times each week. If it's solitude you seek, search out two or three walking routes that are quiet and serene. Building in variety is another key to keep your exercise plan going strong.

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10 DANIEL DR was sold to Mark Q. & Nancy D. Bonassera by Jean M. & Florence Testa for \$402,000

106 LOCUST ST was sold to Carl M. & Sheila J. Polli by Alfa M. Polli for \$350,000

### -NORTH READING-

270 MAIN ST #1 was sold to Edward M. Cain by Ernest E. & Phyllis E. Wells for \$139,500

270 MAIN ST #25 was sold to Jeff Murray by Brandi A. & Robert M. Piercy for \$133,000

50 MOUNT VERNON ST #4 was sold to Jeffrey A. Goldman by Mount Vernon N Read LLC for \$501,069

18 WILLIAMS RD was sold to Timothy J. & Kimberly Talbot by Brian S. Stinson for \$323,000

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18 GROVE ST was sold to Colleen F. Clifford by Deutsche Bank NA & Indymac Indx Mtg Loan T for \$328,000

37 MELBOURNE AVE was sold to Diane R. Guio & Cheryl Gaeta by Marisa M. & Stacy W. Moore for \$512,000

35 SHERWOOD RD was sold to Alicia & Steven Zessis by Elea D. Marnik & Elea Ann Dangelmaier for \$462,500

### -STONEHAM-

17 GIRARD RD was sold to Ralph A. & Jillian M. Barile by Elvira M. Iovanni Est & John Iovanni for \$344,900

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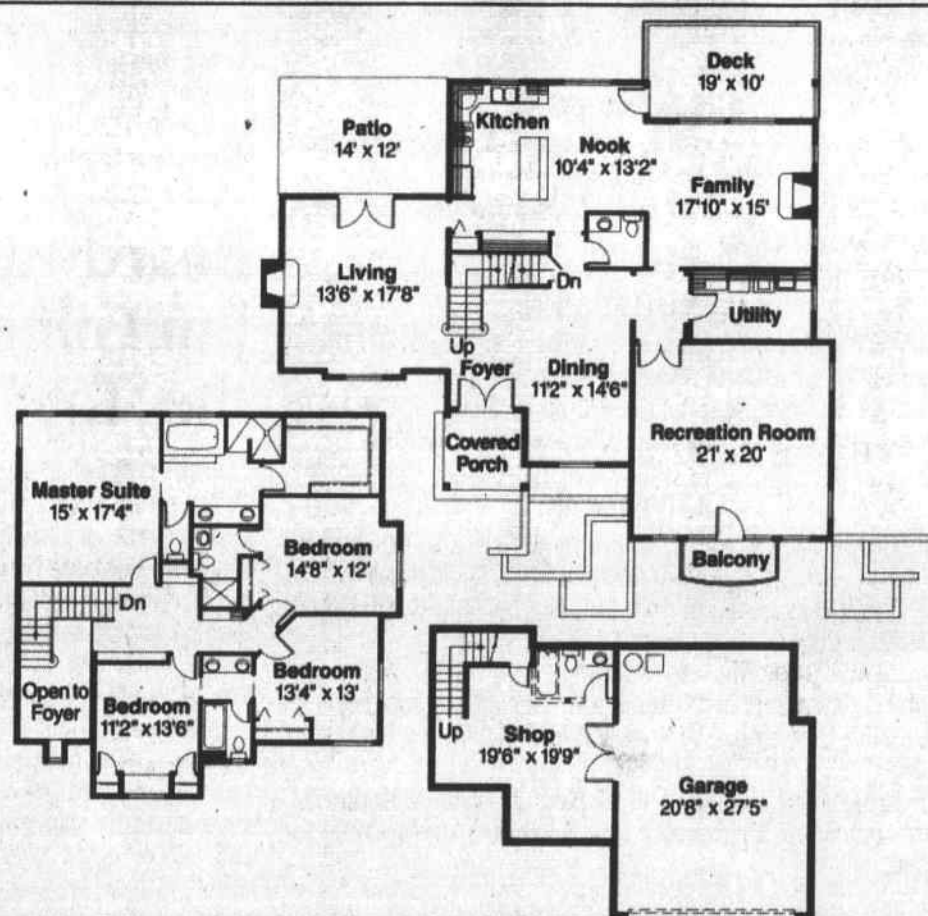
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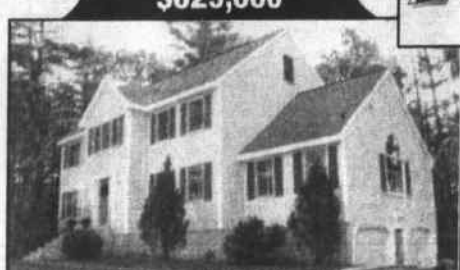
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